

RE: OPEN DITCH IN LANE AT THE REAR OF 4692 VICTORY STREET

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Acting Director Engineering be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1989 JULY 18
FROM: ACTING DIRECTOR ENGINEERING
SUBJECT: OPEN DITCH IN LANE AT THE REAR OF 4692 VICTORY STREET
PURPOSE: To respond to a letter from Mrs. J. Foote regarding the open ditch at the rear of 4692 Victory Street.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mrs. J. Foote, 4692 Victory Street, Burnaby, B.C.

REPORT

Appearing on the agenda is a letter from Mrs. J. Foote requesting that the ditch in the lane at the rear of her property, 4692 Victory Street, be eliminated.

The ditch is required to provide drainage from the surrounding area and its complete elimination would require installation of a storm sewer.

Ditches are common throughout Burnaby, particularly in lanes. At present, the Municipality has no program for the systematic elimination of lane ditches. Available storm sewer Capital Budget funds are allocated with initial priority given to areas which are subject to flooding and second priority given to ditch elimination on street frontages.

Staff have reviewed the ditches in question and are of the opinion that they do not represent a localized drainage problem which would necessitate the construction of a storm sewer. The ditch in the lane is a relatively small ditch draining about three to four properties to a catch basin located at the intersection of the lane with Waverley Avenue. The ditches at the rear of adjacent properties are significantly shallower because the lane has a high point about three houses away from Mrs. Foote's residence and consequently there is proportionately less runoff to be accommodated as one travels up the lane. Staff are unable to justify Capital improvements in this location in advance of other priorities.

Staff have contacted Mrs. Foote and informed her of the contents of this report. Mrs. Foote then further requested the ditch be cleaned and staff have made arrangements to undertake this maintenance work.


ACTING DIRECTOR ENGINEERING