

RE: LETTER FROM MR. AND MRS. C. SATCHWELL WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 20TH
LARGE TRUCKS ON GILLEY AVENUE

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1989 NOVEMBER 21

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

SUBJECT: LARGE TRUCKS ON GILLEY AVENUE

PURPOSE: To respond to a request for additional signing pertaining to the declassification of Gilley Avenue between Kingsway and Marine Drive as a truck route.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. & Mrs. C. Satchwell of 7987 Gilley Avenue, Burnaby, B.C., V5J 4Y4.

REPORT

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Council at its regular meeting of 1989 November 20 received correspondence dated 1989 November 10 from Mr. & Mrs. C. Satchwell of 7987 Gilley Avenue. In their letter, Mr. & Mrs. Satchwell express their concern over the number of large trucks still using Gilley Avenue between Kingsway and Marine Drive. Council at its regular meeting of 1989 May 23 approved the amendment to Burnaby's Street and Traffic Bylaw declassifying this portion of Gilley Avenue as a truck route. The Satchwells also suggest that additional informational signs be installed at various locations to inform truck drivers of the truck route change. This matter was referred to the Director Engineering for report.

2.0 PREVIOUS SIGNING

The following signs were installed by staff after the declassification of the subject portion of Gilley Avenue as a Schedule "B" Truck Route.

1. Kingsway at Gilley Avenue

Truck Prohibition symbol signs indicating that large trucks may not use Gilley Avenue were installed on the traffic signal davit arms.



2. Byrne Road at Marine Drive

Truck Prohibition symbol signs were installed on Byrne Road in advance of Marine Drive indicating that large trucks may not travel west on Marine Drive (towards Gilley Avenue). This portion of Marine Drive between Byrne Road and Gilley Avenue was also declassified as Schedule "B" Truck Route.

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3. Kingsway - Informational Signing

Oversize 4' x 6' temporary warning signs with wording notifying eastbound and westbound truckers of the change in the status of Gilley Avenue south of Kingsway were installed at curbside on Kingsway. The westbound sign was placed in advance of Griffiths Avenue to advise truckers to use it instead of Gilley Avenue. These signs were up approximately one month.

4. Byrne Road - Informational Signing

A temporary information sign notifying northbound truck traffic of the truck route change was installed at roadside after the change. It has now been removed.

3.0 OTHER ACTION

The new revised truck route maps indicating the Gilley Avenue declassification have been in circulation for some months now and numerous copies of the new maps have been forwarded to enquirers. The B.C. Trucking Association is also aware of these changes and they disperse truck route maps to their members. In addition enforcement personnel initially gave out new truck route maps while conducting routine truck route violation enforcement on Gilley Avenue. While there seems to be some confusion for trucks entering Gilley Avenue from adjacent industrial and commercial areas, staff is of the opinion that the majority of truck drivers are now aware of the changes and most of those who are continuing to use Gilley Avenue are doing so of their own volition, chancing the risk of being caught. This belief has been reinforced by the repeat offenders noted by enforcement personnel.

4.0 FURTHER SIGNING

Although the only effective method of reducing large truck traffic on Gilley Avenue appears to be continued regular enforcement, staff intend to install additional permissive truck route signing on Kingsway at Gilley Avenue and at Byrne Road and Marine Drive. This type of signing is consistent with Municipal truck route signing in the rest of Burnaby. Temporary Truck Prohibition signs will be installed on Rumble Street at Gilley Avenue and on Marine Drive at Gilley Avenue primarily to educate truck drivers entering Gilley Avenue from the local area.

Staff do not support the permanent installation of non-standard signs with lengthy text messages. They tend to be ignored or misunderstood by motorists. Such signs are also difficult to site and may cause dangerous vision obstructions at intersections along busy arterial routes such as Kingsway.

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5.0 ENFORCEMENT

The R.C.M.P. have been requested to closely monitor truck usage of Gilley, including overnight parking of large trucks in the area as requested by Mr. & Mrs. Satchwell.

6.0 CONCLUSION

We believe that the periodic enforcement of the truck bylaw is the best if not the only way to resolve the truck traffic problem along Gilley Avenue. The residents of Gilley Avenue can participate in managing this problem by calling on the R.C.M.P. Traffic Section for enforcement as required. It would be appropriate if Council's correspondents on this matter be sent a copy of this report.

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cc: Traffic Supervisor
R.C.M.P. Traffic Division


DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

