

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

SUBJECT: OPPOSITION TO SPEED BUMP INSTALLATION -
LANE BETWEEN BARNET ROAD AND BAYVIEW DRIVE

PURPOSE: To respond to concerns raised by Council at the 1990 August 13 Council meeting following the appearance of Mrs. Patrizia Carella speaking in opposition to the proposed speed bumps in the above lane.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.

REPORT

Mrs. Patrizia Carella of 7235 Bayview Drive appeared as a delegation at the 1990 August 13 Council meeting to speak in opposition to the installation of speed bumps in the lane between Barnet Road and Braeside Drive (7300 block). Council requested information on the three following concerns subsequent to Mrs. Carella's presentation to Council.

1. What is the Municipality's flexibility concerning installation, when the speed bumps have been paid for? Are we under a legal obligation to install them?

The Municipal Solicitor advises that even though the residents of the area have met the policy requirements, the Municipality is under no legal obligation to install speed bumps if there is a sound engineering reason not to do so. If installation of the bumps were not to proceed it would obviously be necessary to refund payment.

2. Are there any other instances in Burnaby where a property owner's only access is via a lane? If so, do these lanes have speed bumps?

Although there are other instances of property owners having sole access to their property via dead end lanes, at this time none of these lanes contains speed bumps. These properties are in the Capitol Hill area.

3. Are the shrubs in the lane causing a visibility problem? If so, what can be done to alleviate the problem?

To follow up on the complaint of overgrown bushes causing a view obstruction, a site visit was made by Engineering Department staff. It was concluded that the only area of concern was a bush/hedge adjacent to one property on the west side of the lane. Following the usual procedure in a case such as this, Engineering Department staff have asked the property owner to trim back the bush within seven days. If the bush has not been trimmed after seven days, Engineering staff will proceed with the work.

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In addition to the above, Engineering staff contacted the Burnaby Fire Department to ascertain what problems, if any, were experienced by the department when speed bumps were encountered. We were advised that speed bumps are encountered by fire trucks on a regular basis and do not present a concern to the department. The provincial ambulance people were also contacted and provided a similar response, although they did state that they would likely have to slow down to cross the bumps.

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