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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 7  
COUNCIL MEETING 90/01/29

RE: LETTER FROM T.S. KILLIP WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE JANUARY 08TH  
MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 15)  
CONCERNS ABOUT TRAFFIC ON WALKER

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1990 JANUARY 23  
FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING  
SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE FROM T.S. KILLIP REGARDING TRAFFIC ON  
WALKER AVENUE  
PURPOSE: To respond to concerns raised by the correspondent.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. T.S. Killip,  
6235 Walker Avenue, Burnaby, B.C.

REPORT

1.0 INTRODUCTION

At the regular Council meeting held on 1990 January 08, Council received correspondence from Mr. Killip and requested that staff prepare a report "providing information on recent traffic counts on Walker Avenue, whether or not there has been any increase in the traffic volumes, and suggestions for resolution of any problems which may be occurring".

Subsequently, staff telephoned Mr. Killip to discuss his concerns with him. While Mr. Killip was worried about the level of traffic on Walker Avenue, he was most concerned about truck traffic and speeding. These were also the concerns Mr. Killip had voiced in previous correspondence to Council in 1988 and they are discussed below.

2.0 TRUCK TRAFFIC

Walker Avenue is not a truck route as defined in the Street & Traffic Bylaw. Mr. Killip is concerned that some trucks are utilizing Walker Avenue illegally as a truck route.

The problem is that the passage of trucks on this and other residential streets is occasional and semi-random and hence difficult to enforce. We are currently pursuing the purchase of an automatic traffic counter which will classify vehicles. This will allow us to, in future, add dimension to the "truck off truck route" problem and observe patterns that may be useful for optimum enforcement. For the time being we will be asking the R.C.M.P. to monitor Walker Avenue and enforce the truck bylaw as appropriate.

### 3.0 SPEEDING

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Mr. Killip was very concerned in his previous letter about vehicle speeds. As a result, the R.C.M.P. monitored speeding on Walker Avenue but the problem has apparently re-emerged. We have suggested to Mr. Killip that a telephone call to the R.C.M.P.-Traffic Section will help them to flag such traffic problems for periodic enforcement.

### 4.0 TRAFFIC VOLUMES

Our previous count on Walker Avenue south of Burris Street was on 1987 November 03 when 5,147 vehicles were recorded. In response to Mr. Killip's letter, we put out a traffic counter on 1990 January 18 and recorded 5,528 vehicles. In the intervening period we have activated the signal at Walker/Oakland (on 1988 May 20) and the rest of the network experienced major growth in traffic relative to recession lows. Our view is that the traffic growth on Walker Avenue has stabilized. The modest increase suggests that the added traffic is from the neighbourhood tributary to Walker Avenue.

### 5.0 DISCUSSION

Walker Avenue south of Burris Street is an established local collector and the traffic volumes that it carries is not unusual for this function. The problems of speeding and trucks off truck route can best be managed through periodic monitoring and enforcement by the R.C.M.P. When we talked with Mr. Killip about his concerns, we discussed the gist of this report and told him that we would be sending a copy to the R.C.M.P.

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cc: Traffic Supervisor  
Director Administrative & Community Services  
R.C.M.P.-Traffic Section

  
DIRECTOR ENGINEERING