

ITEM 3  
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 26  
COUNCIL MEETING 91/04/15

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1991 APRIL 05  
FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING  
SUBJECT: CLEANING OF DITCHES - 3700 BLOCK MOSCROP STREET  
PURPOSE: To respond to correspondence received from Mr. P. Basran regarding ditches in the 3700 block Moscrop Street.

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. P. Basran, 3738 Moscrop Street, Burnaby, B.C.

REPORT

Correspondence from Mr. Basran appeared on the 1991 April 02 Council agenda expressing concern with work undertaken on the ditch in front of his property.

Staff had responded to a complaint of stagnant water in the ditch and determined that cleaning was required to improve the drainage. Standard practices were followed in the cleaning of this ditch. The ditch is required to provide drainage from the surrounding area and its complete elimination would require installation of a storm sewer.

Drainage ditches exist on streets with interim standard pavement and are still common throughout Burnaby, with approximately 35% of our street inventory being of the interim standard. At present, the Municipality has no program for the systematic elimination of 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. Alternatively, ditches may be eliminated with street upgrading through the Local Improvement process.

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 and, as such, staff would be unable to justify assigning a high priority to this project. A storm sewer program has already been established for 1991; however, staff would propose that this ditch be included for review as part of upcoming programs in the context of all other priorities. The gist of this report has been conveyed to Mr. Basran.

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DIRECTOR ENGINEERING