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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	72
COUNCIL MEETING	92/11/23

TO: CITY MANAGER
DATE: 1992 11 16

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING
FILE: 50-01-13

SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE FROM MR. B. WATSON - 1992 OCTOBER 11

PURPOSE: To respond to correspondence from Mr. B.C. Watson regarding improvements to the unopened MacPherson Avenue road right-of-way between Patrick and Keith Streets.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT staff investigate the feasibility of constructing a walkway through the unopened MacPherson right-of-way and offering the remaining land for sale to adjacent property owners, and provide a report back to Council outlining the recommendations and the proposed course of action.
2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. B.C. Watson, 5672 Keith Street, Burnaby, B.C., V5J 3C5.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

Correspondence from Mr. Watson concerning this matter appeared on Council's 1992 November 02 agenda. Mr. Watson has previously corresponded with Council requesting improvements to the unopened MacPherson Avenue right-of-way between Patrick and Keith Streets. At that time his request was forwarded to the Burnaby Beautification Committee (BBC) for consideration as one of its projects. The Committee considered it a worthy project but did not include it in their program in favour of a number of smaller and less costly projects.

2.0 DISCUSSION

Following the Council meeting of 1992 November 02, the BBC was requested to consider Mr. Watson's current correspondence and advise if this project could be included in their 1993 program. The BBC at its 1992 November 5 meeting reviewed this matter and advise that due to the high cost of this project and their current level of funding they are unable to accommodate it in their 1993 program.

After receiving this information staff reviewed other options for this site in an attempt to address Mr. Watson's concerns.

The subject right-of-way is approximately 20m wide and is being maintained by the City as part of the boulevard maintenance program. The preliminary review indicates that this right-of-way acts as a footpath for local residents to access Marine Drive (see Figure 1 Attached). Discussions with Planning Department staff indicate that there are advantages to retain a walkway in the MacPherson right-of-way for pedestrian access and the option of constructing a standard 4m wide walkway and offering the remaining right-of-way for sale to adjacent property owners may be pursued. The option would also provide a solution to Mr. Watson's concern with respect to the appearance and usefulness of the right-of-way.

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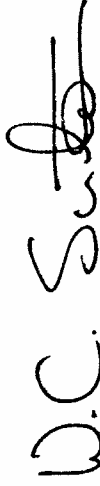
As part of the walkway evaluation, the existing unopened road right-of-way south of Keith Street to approximately Eleanor Street will be examined with the view to allow the connection of the proposed walkway to the existing roads and to provide a continuous corridor for pedestrian movement.

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3.0 CONCLUSION

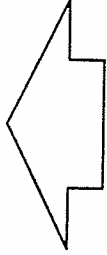
The BBC has advised that improvements to the unopened MacPherson Avenue right-of-way will not be included in their 1993 project list due to financial constraints.

It is recommended that the feasibility of constructing a proper walkway in the right-of-way as shown on the attached sketch and offering the remaining unused portion for sale to the adjacent property owners be investigated and that staff report back to Council once this review and initial consultation with the affected property owners is completed.

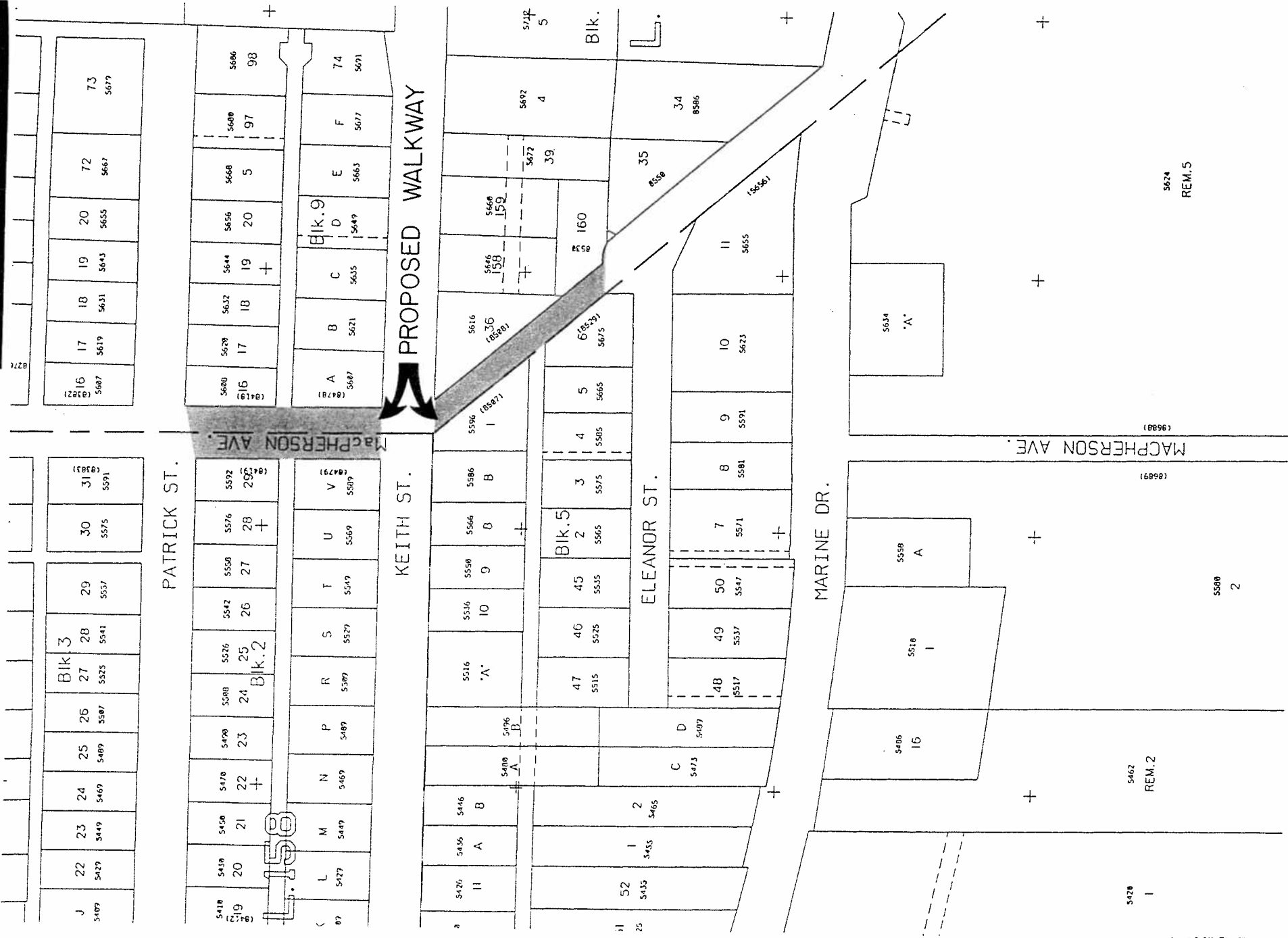

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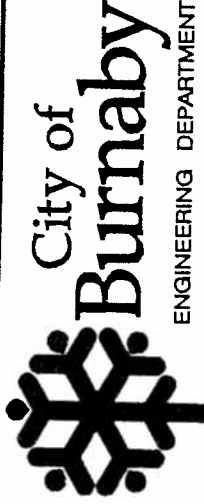
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 MacPHERSON AVE.
 ELEANOR ST. - PATRICK ST.

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