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1993 JANUARY 20

FROM:

ACTING DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING

SUBJECT:

CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING DESIGNATED FIRE LANE BETWEEN

STRATA PLAN NW97 AND STRATA PLAN NW65

**PURPOSE:** 

To respond to a letter from the Chairperson of the Strata Council for Strata Plan NW97 regarding a designated fire lane shared with

the abutting Strata Plan NW65.

## RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. A. Paterson, Strata Council Chairperson, Strata Plan NW97, 8957 Corona Place, Burnaby, B.C., V3J 7C6.

## REPORT

This department has been requested to respond to an item of correspondence which is on the same Council agenda, dated 1993 January 04 from Mr. A. Paterson, Strata Council Chairperson, Strata Plan NW97, expressing safety concerns that a mutual emergency fire lane access point between Strata Plan NW97 and the abutting Strata Plan NW65 (not NW39 as noted in the letter) on the Corona Drive (private condominium driveway) alignment is chained and locked.

As background information, this inquiry involves two abutting condominium townhouse developments within the overall Simon Fraser Hills/Stoney Creek area which were constructed some twenty years ago. Strata Plan NW97 and Strata Plan NW65 are legally accessed off the public roads of Centaurus Circle and Centaurus Drive respectively.

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The subject chained barrier on the property line dividing the two abutting condominium developments is to allow for emergency fire truck access. As discussed with the Fire Department, such chained barriers are not uncommon and fire trucks can achieve emergency access by cutting the chain with cutters carried by the fire trucks. Other emergency access needs to the projects would be achieved via the legal accesses off public roads.

The two existing condominium projects are not obliged to permit reciprocal access for other than emergency fire truck purposes across their respective private properties. However, further supplemental access arrangements may be desirable and could be pursued by the two abutting projects on a mutually-agreeable basis.

The general contents of this report have been related to Mr. A. Paterson in a telephone discussion.

This is for the information of Council.

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cc: Chief Fire Prevention Officer