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CITY MANAGER

**DATE:** 1995 04 18

FROM:

DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

**FILE:** 70-04-11

SUBJECT: 1995 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STREET LIGHTING) -

EWART STREET, ROYAL OAK AVENUE TO MACPHERSON AVENUE

PURPOSE: To provide Council with information relating to a delegation appearing

elsewhere on this agenda.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. John Homer, 5369 Ewart Street, Burnaby, B.C., V5J 2W5.

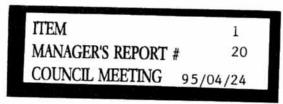
## REPORT

Appearing elsewhere on this agenda is a request to appear as a delegation from Mr. John Homer, 5369 Ewart Street. Mr. Homer wishes to speak on the subject of LIP street lighting proposed for Ewart Street. This report provides background information on that topic.

The City of Burnaby has for many years used the Local Improvement procedure to renew and upgrade the City's infrastructure, particularly as it relates to street lighting and roadworks. In early 1994, Council undertook to revise the Local Improvement procedures primarily to increase the level of public participation in the process. In 1994 March, Council adopted the petition method for all requests for local improvements.

In 1994 September, a petition form was issued to the residents of Ewart Street between Royal Oak and MacPherson Avenues and to the residents of Roslyn Avenue between Ewart and McKee Streets for the construction of ornamental street lighting. This petition was circulated in the neighbourhood and presented to the City with a sufficient numbers of signatures (being at least 2/3 of the registered owners who in turn represent at least 1/2 of the value of the parcels liable to be specially charged). In 1994 November, City Council approved this project for construction. It is currently under construction.

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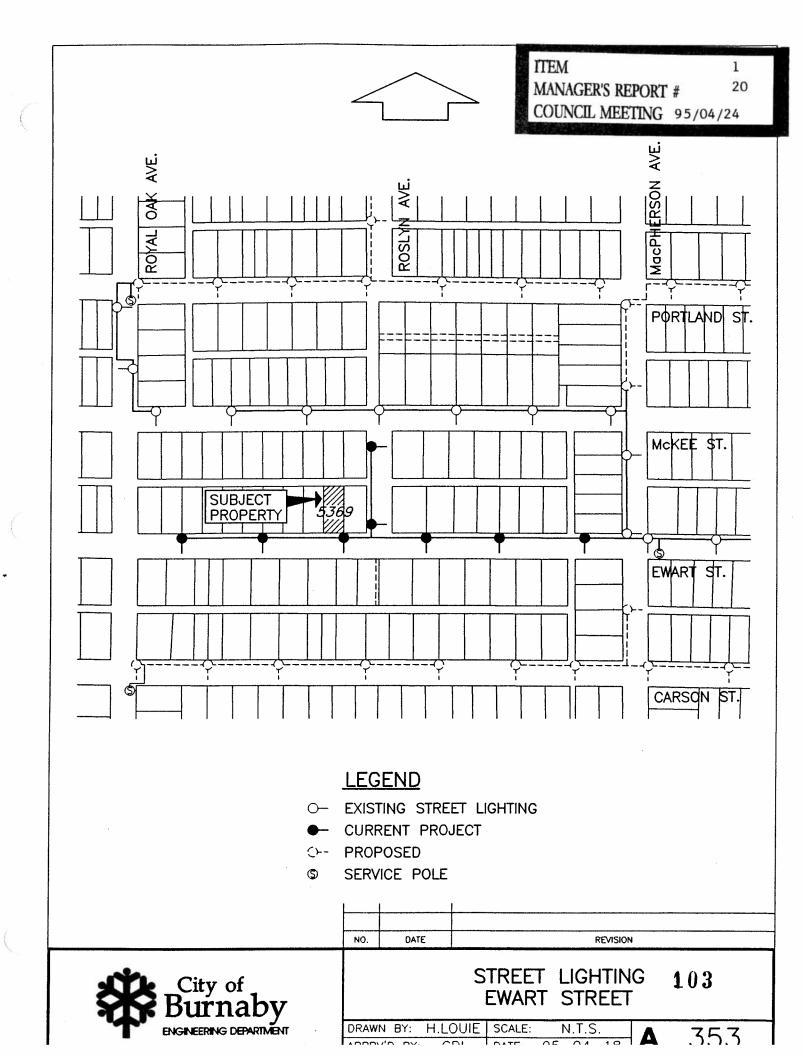
The City's long term program for ornamental street lighting is based on improved safety for pedestrians and vehicular traffic. It is also recognized that improved street lighting may also act as a deterrent to crime and vandalism to private property. In an effort to attain a uniform level of street lighting, the City utilizes standard design criteria for items such as height of poles, spacing between poles, and wattage of luminaires. The City also has a practice of locating the street light poles on lot line extensions wherever possible in order to minimize any intrusive impact which the poles may have on abutting properties.

Prior to commencing construction on Ewart Street, the street light pole locations were marked out and Mr. Homer contacted the Engineering Department to request that the street light pole proposed for the east side of his property at 5369 Ewart Street be relocated to the west side of his property. Through the course of a number of telephone conversations Mr. Homer has been made aware of the City's design philosophy and practices. The optimum design spacing for street lighting on Ewart Street locates a pole at the east property line of 5369 Ewart Street (see attached sketch). Although Mr. Homer has indicated support for the street lighting project, he is of the opinion that the pole scheduled for placement on his east property line would degrade his view sightlines. Relocating the pole to the west property line as suggested by Mr. Homer does not significantly compromise the design however the perceived view obstruction is transferred to the neighbouring property at 5349 Ewart Street.

Staff advised Mr. Homer that the pole could be relocated subject to acquiescence from his neighbour at 5349 Ewart Street. Without this agreement, staff were unable to justify relocating the pole from its optimum design location. Contact was made with Mr. Homer's neighbour who indicated that he did not support relocating the pole. Consequently, staff have notified Mr. Homer to confirm the original pole design location. At present, the pole and base proposed for 5369 Ewart Street have not been installed and the work has been put on hold pending Mr. Homer's appearance as a delegation.

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