

REPORT
1996 FEBRUARY 19

CITY OF BURNABY

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
(TRAFFIC SAFETY DIVISION)

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS

D. 5100 BLOCK SPERLING ONE WAY ACCESS

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council forward a copy of this report to Rev. Neil Parker, Deer Lake United Church, 5135 Sperling Avenue, Burnaby, B.C. V5E 2T2.

REPORT

The Traffic and Transportation Committee (Traffic Safety Division), at its meeting held on 1996 February 06, adopted the attached staff report responding to correspondence from Reverend Neil Parker expressing traffic safety concerns regarding one way access in the 5100 block Sperling.

MEMBERS:

Mr. N. Smith
Mr. M. Bloomfield
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Ms. L. Kapp
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Respectfully submitted,

Councillor J. Young
Chairman

Councillor D. Evans
Member

:-COPY - CITY MANAGER
- DIRECTOR ENGINEERING
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City of Burnaby

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

TO: TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
DATE: 1996 01 29

FROM: ASST. DIRECTOR ENGINEERING,
TRAFFIC & ENGINEERING SYSTEMS
FILE:

SUBJECT: 5100 BLOCK SPERLING ONE WAY ACCESS

PURPOSE: To Respond to Correspondence Regarding Safety Concerns
Along This Section of Sperling Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION:

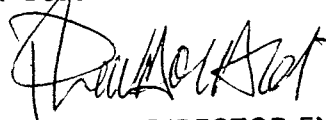
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REPORT

The Committee has received correspondence from Rev. Neil Parker (attached) regarding traffic safety at the movement restrictions related to the 5100 Block, Canada Way one way section.

The one way section of Sperling, South of Deer Lake Avenue has been the subject of prior complaints relative to illegal manoeuvres and we have oversigned the immediate vicinity in an attempt to minimize this. There is also some bypass leakage through a gate that links the church and Hart House parking lots. We have talked to the manager of the Hart House who assures us that this gate will be maintained in a locked state. With respect to the postscript in the correspondence, operators of City vehicles have been advised of the need to obey regulations. As the correspondent notes, there is a periodic RCMP monitoring of traffic at this location.

With the anticipated signalization of the Sperling/Canada Way intersection by the Ministry of Transportation and Highways, there will be the opportunity to review this closure with a view to improving access to the Deer Lake Park Beach while better addressing the original neighbourhood concern about rat running.



ASST. DIRECTOR ENGINEERING,
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cc: City Manager
RCMP Traffic Section
Attachment



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To: Traffic Safety Committee
Re: 5100 Block Sperling, one-way access

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Dear Folks:

I have a concern about the one-way entrance to the 5100 block of Sperling Ave. (one block south of Canada Way). I realize that this is a sensitive area, and that many considerations have gone into designating this as a one-way section.

Primary among these considerations, I am sure, is the one of safety. The one-way access, if effective, should give the Deer Lake neighbourhood a lower density of through traffic, and make it safer for the residents, particularly the children who live and play and attend school in the area.

Unfortunately, the one-way access has not been successful in preventing a considerable amount of through traffic turning right off Canada Way eastbound, and heading (illegally) at considerable speed through the intersection. The landscaping at the intersection, intended to narrow the street to a single lane, now acts as a blind that makes it difficult for oncoming traffic to see the illegal traffic. People leaving the parking lot at Deer Lake United Church (which includes our own congregation members, as well as many community groups, pre-school, Creative Dance, Brownies and Sparks) are completely invisible to the illegal traffic, as are pedestrians (mostly high-school students) crossing Sperling on their way home.

The RCMP are frequently stationed at the intersection, and are good at responding when we ask for their presence. However, their ability to police the intersection is limited. The amount of traffic through the intersection is roughly 30-40 vehicles a day. Most of those use the single lane during the hours of 3:30 and 5:30 p.m., when the risk to children using our facilities and walking home is greatest. During these hours, it is not unusual to see 3-4 cars per minute going through the intersection. In fact, there is about three times the traffic going through in the **wrong** direction as in the legal direction, no doubt because it is considered so dangerous to actually use the intersection heading north.

I urge the Traffic Safety Committee to consider some ways of more effective deterrents to through traffic than the slim likelihood of receiving a traffic citation. Perhaps diversions, speed bumps, etc., as used effectively in other neighbourhoods, might help to solve the problem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Neil Parker".

Rev. Neil Parker

P.S. I realize that this suggestion impacts on those who work in the immediate vicinity, and live elsewhere, as I do myself. But those driving in official vehicles (such as the Sheriff's office) would set a better example if they obeyed the traffic signs.