

CITY OF BURNABY

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
(TRAFFIC SAFETY DIVISION)

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

B. PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN THE METROTOWN CORE AREA

RECOMMENDATION:

1. *THAT* Council forward a copy of the attached report to Ms. P. Bischoff, 5841 Sussex Avenue, Burnaby, B.C. V5H 3B7.

REPORT

The Traffic and Transportation Committee (Traffic Safety Division), at its meeting held on 1997 March 04, adopted the attached report responding to concerns of pedestrian safety as outlined in correspondence submitted by Ms. P. Bischoff.

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Respectfully submitted,

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City of Burnaby

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

TO: TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE **DATE:** 1997 02 04
FROM: ASST. DIRECTOR ENGINEERING,
TRAFFIC & ENGINEERING SYSTEMS **FILE:** 55-01-04
SUBJECT: PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN THE METROTOWN CORE AREA
PURPOSE: To respond to concerns of pedestrian safety in correspondence by Ms. P. Bischoff.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Ms. P. Bischoff, 5841 Sussex Avenue, Burnaby BC, V5H 3B7.

REPORT

Appearing on a prior Traffic Safety Committee agenda was correspondence from Ms. Pamela Bischoff of 5841 Sussex Avenue, concerning the need to improve the existing pedestrian facilities around Metrotown. In the letter, three specific areas of concern were identified as follows:

1. Eaton Centre Metrotown driveway at Kingsway/Sussex Avenue
2. Save-On-Foods driveway on Kingsway, east of McKay Avenue
3. Lane west of Sussex Avenue, between Kingsway and Hazel Street


Ms. Bischoff points to the need for improvements to the exiting pedestrian facilities in order to have vehicles give way to pedestrians as they enter and exit either a driveway crossing or lane entrance. This requirement has been addressed by the Motor Vehicle Act under section 178(1), which reads:

The driver of a vehicle in a business or residence district and emerging from an alley, driveway, building or private road shall stop the vehicle immediately before driving on to the sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across an alleyway or private driveway, and shall yield the right of way to a pedestrian on the sidewalk or sidewalk area.

A site inspection has determined that all necessary signage is in place. However, the existing crosswalk markings at the driveway entrances along Kingsway are in need of repainting. The maintenance of these crosswalks is the responsibility of the Ministry of Transportation & Highways, therefore, a copy of the original letter will be sent to the regional office.

As to the configuration and directional flow of traffic exiting the Eaton Centre parking lot, staff have reviewed the signage approaching the exit, and have found them to be in order. The issue of delineating specific lanes at the driveway exit is the responsibility of the property owners. Accordingly, we have forwarded a copy Ms. Bischoff's correspondence with a covering letter to Cambridge Shopping Centres Ltd. for their review and action.

The lane west of Sussex Avenue has also been identified as a potential hazard to pedestrians due to the visual obstruction created by vehicles parking in the lane. A site investigation noted that R+G Oak Furniture Gallery has designated the area between the lane and their building face for customer parking. However, it would appear that this parking area is sufficiently set back from the lane entrance that there is little or no visual impedance.



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