

TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 1997 05 06
FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING **FILE:** 50-02-02
SUBJECT: 4186 NAPIER STREET - BACK LANE LIGHTING
PURPOSE: To respond to a resident's concern regarding the installation of lane lighting behind his property.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. Robert Lee, 4186 Napier Street, Burnaby BC, V5C 3G4.

REPORT

Council, at its regular Council meeting held on 1997 January 13, heard from Mr. Robert Lee regarding the back lane lease lighting which had been recently installed in the 4100 block of Napier Street. Mr. Lee was concerned about the glare of the light behind his property. The installation occurred following receipt of a sufficiently signed petition from abutting residents.

Mr. Lee indicated that he had been in contact with staff who undertook to look into reducing the wattage of the street lighting and relocating the light from the 2nd to the 3rd pole at the east end of the alley. Council requested that staff prepare a report on the concerns raised by Mr. Lee.

In 1997 February, staff arranged for a lower wattage light to be installed and the front of the refractor lens to be painted black to direct the light downward, not outward. At the end of 1997 February, the changes to the light were completed and in 1997 March, staff delivered 23 questionnaires (copy attached) with a plan of the existing lighting and options to residents to see whether there was support for moving the light. We received 13 responses as follows:

Do you object to moving the light? Yes 7 No 5 Undecided 1

We note that lighting was installed in the lane after the Engineering Department received a petition from the residents (18 signatures). Moving the light could benefit some residents who would prefer more or less lighting around their own property, but new concerns may arise if the light were moved to another location. Accordingly, staff recommend that the light not be moved. We believe we have substantially addressed Mr. Lee's concerns by the reduced wattage bulb and by directing the light away from Mr. Lee's property.


DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

SP:jb
Attach.





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Dear Resident:

Re: Lighting in the Lane Adjacent 4187 William Street

In 1996 August, the Engineering Department received a sufficiently signed petition for lane lighting in the 4100 block of William Street. The Engineering Department subsequently installed the lights in 1996 November.

In 1996 December, the Engineering Department received a complaint regarding one of the lights installed. The light at the rear of 4187 William Street was said to be lighting up the back yard and house of one of the residents on Napier Street. The resident requested that the light be moved. City Council has requested that staff prepare a report on the concerns raised by the resident. To ease the complaint, staff arranged for a lower wattage light to be installed and the front of the light to be painted black to direct the light downward, not outward. At the end of 1997 February, the changes to the light were completed.

Before reporting back to Council, we would like to determine the consensus opinion of the neighbourhood. Therefore, we would ask that you complete and return the attached questionnaire in the addressed envelope provided as soon as possible. If you have any further questions, please contact Sheryl Pordan at 294-7455.

Yours truly,

W.C. Sinclair, P. Eng.
DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

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FROM: _____

Do you object to moving the light? Yes No.

If no, which direction would you like the light to be moved? West East

COMMENTS: _____

