

TO: CITY MANAGER
FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING
SUBJECT: 16TH AVENUE URBAN TRAIL - PUBLIC CONSULTATION
PURPOSE: To provide Council with information regarding public consultation for the proposed bike path on 16th Avenue.

1997 July 15

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent out to residents and property owners on 16th Avenue between Mary Avenue and 6th Street for information purposes.

REPORT

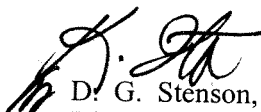
Council, at the Regular Meeting 97 July 07, tabled a report (Item 1, Manager's Report No. 19, 16th Avenue Urban Trail) regarding funding for implementation of a section of urban trail on 16th Avenue. The proposed urban trail consists of a bike path that is being coordinated with implementation of an approved Local Improvement Project (LIP) along 16th Avenue between Mary Avenue and 6th Street.

On 1997 July 02 residents and property owners along this section of 16th Avenue were notified by mail of the proposed bicycle path. Out of the 90 letters sent out, eleven responses have been received to date. Three of these were opposed to the proposed bicycle path. Of those opposed, one owner has suggested a neighbourhood meeting and a second owner has indicated a desire to appear before Council as a delegation.

In view of the responses received on this issue, staff propose to undertake further consultation with the affected residents and property owners. It is proposed that a meeting be held in the neighbourhood to discuss the bike path plans. The meeting will be scheduled for after the summer holiday period in order to ensure that as many residents and property owners as possible are given the opportunity to attend.

As a result of the bike path design and implementation being coordinated with the LIP, the proposed public consultation process will necessitate that construction of both projects be rescheduled for the spring of 1998.

Unless otherwise directed by Council, staff will pursue further public consultation on the proposed 16th Avenue urban trail as outlined above. A future report to Council will outline results of the public consultation and will make a request for funds as required.


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cc: Acting Director Recreation & Cultural Services
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