CITY OF BURNABY

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
(TRAFFIC SAFETY DIVISION)

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS

RE: CORRESPONDENCE FROM MR. M. FACCHIN OF 8388 ROSEBERRY AVENUE

RECOMMENDATION:

1. *THAT* Council forward a copy of the *attached* report to Mr. M. Facchin of 8388 Roseberry Avenue, Burnaby, B.C.

REPORT

The Traffic and Transportation Committee (Traffic Safety Division), at its meeting held on 2000 February 01, received and adopted the *attached* report responding to various concerns including driveway access after a Pavement Rehabilitation project, stop control at Roseberry Avenue and Marine Drive and curbing and sidewalks along Marine Drive.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D. Evans
Chair

Councillor B. Der
Vice Chair

Councillor G. Begin
Member

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       - DIRECTOR ENGINEERING
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INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

TO:	TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE	**DATE:** 2000 01 11
FROM:	ASST. DIRECTOR ENGINEERING, TRAFFIC & ENGINEERING SYSTEMS	**FILE:**

SUBJECT: Correspondence from Mr M. Facchin of 8388 Roseberry Avenue

PURPOSE: To respond to various concerns including Driveway Access after a Pavement Rehabilitation project, stop control at Roseberry Ave. and Marine Dr. and curbing and Sidewalks along Marine Drive

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RECOMMENDATION:

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REPORT

1.0   BACKGROUND

The 2000 January 04 agenda of the Traffic Safety Committee included correspondence from Mr Maurizio Facchin of 8388 Roseberry Avenue. He has a number of concerns with respect to driveway access to his site, the need for additional traffic control at the Marine Drive and Roseberry Avenue intersection, and the absence of sidewalks and formal roadway curbing along Marine Drive. Staff were requested to respond with a report.

2.0   CONCERNS

2.1   Driveway Access

In conjunction with the repaving of Marine Drive between Joffre Avenue and Patterson Avenue in the summer of 1998, a raised asphalt curb and temporary sidewalk were installed along the north side of Marine Drive. Mr Facchin contends that installation of this curb and walkway has eliminated his driveway as access to 8388 Roseberry Avenue from Marine Drive.

A review of Building Department records has verified the issuance of a building permit in 1962 for the construction of a detached garage to the rear of the property with frontyard access. Final inspection and approval of the structure was conducted in May 1968 after some delay by the then property owner.

Physical evidence in the form of a driveway let-down confirms the location of the approved access to this residence on Roseberry Avenue. However the detached garage noted above appears to have been replaced by a smaller storage shed. At present access to an approved parking area via this curb let-down is partially blocked by 4 small Cedar trees possibly located on road right of way, as was mentioned by Mr Facchin in his letter.

The blocked "driveway" that Mr. Facchin refers is a narrow grassed strip leading north from Marine Drive. The absence of any paving, and the steep grade to Marine Drive, suggests that this gap is in the landscape was only occasionally used in the past possibly to access the shed or deliver bulk material. We note that it is standard practice to approve property access from "lowest" function roadway in the street hierarchy that is feasible if there is a choice - i.e. a rear lane rather than a local residential street, a local street rather than a collector, etc.

Given the volume of traffic along Marine Drive and the existence of an approved and constructed, much safer alternate access to a lesser travelled roadway (Roseberry Ave.) staff would not approve this additional driveway request.

2.2 Intersection Control

At present stop sign control at this four leg intersection exists only on Roseberry Avenue, giving priority to traffic on Marine Drive. Roseberry to the north is a residential cul de sac and only a limited volume of traffic uses the south leg. There is no accident history. Given these factors a multi-way stop at this location would be wholly inappropriate. The time that Mr. Facchin and his neighbours spend waiting for a gap in the traffic to gain access to Marine Drive will be typical of any other intersection between a side street and major road. While the wait may be perceived as excessive to residents an objective review would reveal that it is a fraction of the average wait time at a major signalized intersection during periods of congestion.

Our site visit suggested a slight view obstruction on the northwest corner of the intersection and therefore staff have sent correspondence to the property owner asking him to remedy the situation by cutting back foliage.

2.3 Local Improvement

Mr. Facchin wants the City to pursue the completion of Marine Drive to its final standard. A number of residents along Marine Drive have made applications to have the roadway upgraded and sidewalks constructed via the Local Improvement Program. Unfortunately, because of the terrain, additional road right-of-way needs to be ceded before any improvements can be completed. As the City is in no position to expropriate the additional right-of -way required, any Local Improvements along Marine Drive will have to be postponed until dedication of the required property. A recent initiative has "failed" on this basis.
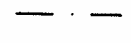
3.0   CONCLUSION

In closing, Mr. Facchin notes his appreciation of the significant benefit derived from the resurfacing of Marine Drive and that "this has significantly reduced the road noise problems to the local residents". This work was carried out as a second best solution because the LIP that Mr. Facchin supports did not proceed. Had the LIP succeeded the informal backyard access that Mr. Facchin is seeking to maintain would also have been extinguished. While we appreciate Mr. Facchin's concerns regarding the time spent waiting to access Marine Drive, and the formalization of his property access, we note that they are not unique or a hardship.

ASST. DIRECTOR ENGINEERING,
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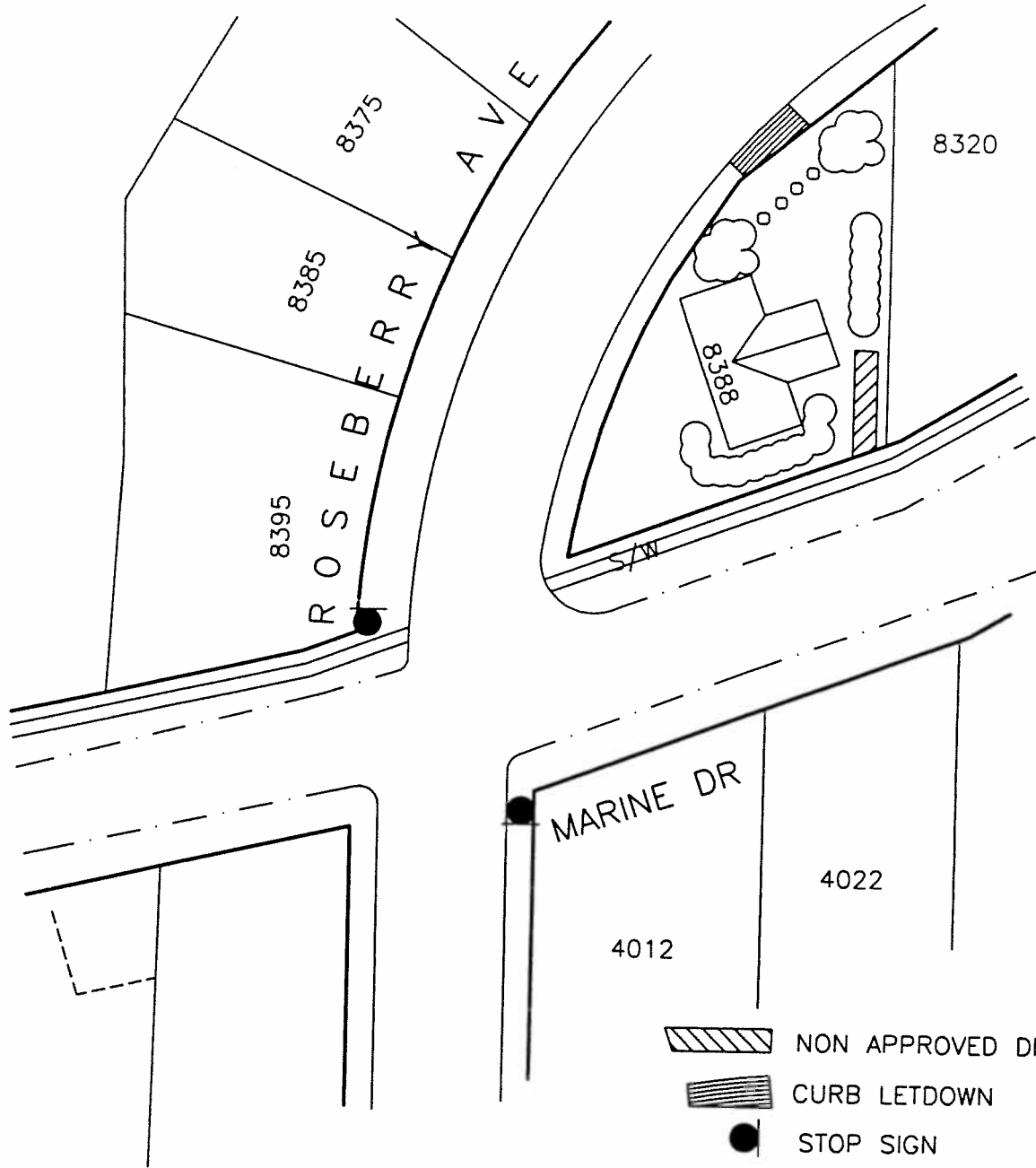
//// NON APPROVED DRIVEWAY

CURB LETDOWN

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