

**TO:** CITY MANAGER

**DATE:** 2000 12 21

**FROM:** DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

**FILE:** 55-03-03

**SUBJECT:** TENTH AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNALS

**PURPOSE:** To seek Council approval for a proposed agreement with the City of New Westminster regarding the operation and maintenance of traffic signals on Tenth Avenue for the entire length of the Burnaby/New Westminster boundary.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** staff be authorized to enter into a formal agreement with the City of New Westminster regarding the operation and maintenance of traffic signals along the joint Tenth Avenue boundary.

**R E P O R T**

Historically, the operation of traffic signals on the Tenth Avenue boundary of Burnaby and New Westminster has been jointly shared on an informal basis between the two jurisdictions. While this practise has worked adequately in the past, the devolution of the Ministry of Transportation & Hsghways' traffic signals, increasing traffic flows, and the proposed construction of the Marine-Tenth Connector has generated a need to formalize this arrangement.

Until 1999 April 01, operational responsibility for the Tenth Avenue signals was shared between New Westminster and the Ministry of Transportation and Highways. The recent downloading of the Ministry signals on Tenth Avenue resulted in a split of traffic signal responsibilities between the Cities of Burnaby and New Westminster. The pending completion of the Marine/ Tenth Connector will predicate the need for more direct operational coordination of the signals in this area. Given that the City of Burnaby has a more extensive traffic signal network than the City of New Westminster and a need to coordinate traffic signals on our major routes, Burnaby staff initiated contact with New Westminster staff and received a favourable response to a proposal that would shift operational responsibility to the City of Burnaby. Costs associated with the signal operations will be shared between both Cities. Upon Council approval staff would proceed with finalizing the agreement with New Westminster.

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