

TO: CITY MANAGER

DATE: 2001 01 02

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

FILE: Kerrywood Cr

SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE FROM J. DOUGLAS SMYTH
7822 KERRYWOOD CRESCENT

PURPOSE: To respond to concerns identified by the correspondent.

RECOMMENDATION:

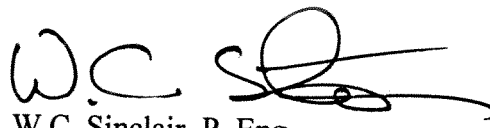
1. **THAT** a copy of this report be forwarded to J. Douglas Smyth, 7822 Kerrywood Crescent, Burnaby BC, V5A 2G1.

REPORT

Appearing elsewhere on the agenda is correspondence from J. Douglas Smyth reiterating concerns around sewer backup occurring at his property at 7822 Kerrywood Crescent. The correspondent had previously written to Council in 2000 January. At that time, staff advised that the GVRD Lake City Interceptor project would provide additional capacity that would alleviate the flooding problem. The GVRD Sewer Interceptor project is currently under construction. A check valve has been placed on Mr. Smyth's house connection to prevent sewage backup from the mainline.

While a check valve prevents backflow into the property it will not stop an accumulation of sewage from the internal system. In the Smyth's case, during a prolonged storm sufficient internal sewage could accumulate causing a backup within the house. During such storms the household is restricted from using the internal plumbing systems. The interim solution for this problem, pending completion of the GVRD Sewer Interceptor, would be to pump the internal sewage to the sewer main.

Following the receipt of the correspondence, staff contacted the GVRD to ascertain the completion date of the Lake City Interceptor project. They advised that, provided no unusual problems are encountered, construction will be complete by the first week of February 2001. Subsequently, staff contacted Mr. Smyth to advise of GVRD's completion date and to offer the temporary installation of the pump system. Mr. Smyth advised that he would consider this suggestion, however given that construction of the GVRD Sewer Interceptor will resolve this problem, he may await the imminent completion of the GVRD project.


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