

TO: CITY MANAGER

DATE: 2002 09 11

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

FILE: 50-01-11

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY ASPHALT WALKWAY ALONG JOFFRE AVENUE

PURPOSE: To respond to Council's request to examine the feasibility of constructing an interim standard walkway along Joffre Avenue in conjunction with the current pavement rehabilitation project.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to Mrs. Georgina Causier, 3726 Arbor Street, Burnaby, BC.

REPORT

1.0 INTRODUCTION

At its last meeting, 2002 September 09, Council received correspondence from Mrs. Georgina Causier asking for a paved sidewalk along the east side of Joffre Avenue in conjunction with the pavement rehabilitation project on that street. Annexed to the correspondence was a staff note indicating that, "The provision of an asphalt footpath along Joffre Avenue has been recommended by the Traffic Safety Committee subject to funding and intervening priorities. The re-paving of this section of Joffre Avenue is being funded through the 2002 Pavement Rehabilitation Program which does not include additional facilities such as interim sidewalks. The 2002 funds for asphalt walks have been exhausted but provision of the proposed walkway will be introduced in the provisional 2003 Capital Program."

After discussion, Council requested that staff report on the feasibility and advisability of constructing the pathway in conjunction with the existing project.

2.0 BACKGROUND

The temporary asphalt walkway was approved by Council in February 2001 on the recommendation of the Traffic Safety Committee. The Committee recommendation was driven by the need for child pedestrians travelling to Suncrest School from the

neighbourhood west of the cemetery. The recommended pathway was to extend from Hurst to the park pathway that links Joffre Avenue to the school site as shown on the *attached* diagram. The pathway proposed was separated from the road, following an existing informal foot path alignment on the bank between the cemetery fence and a utility pole line. Building the path closer to the roadway presented drainage challenges that increased costs. The possibility of cost sharing by the cemetery has been discussed without any firm commitment being offered. This section of sidewalk on Joffre Avenue is identified as a top priority item for implementation in 2003.

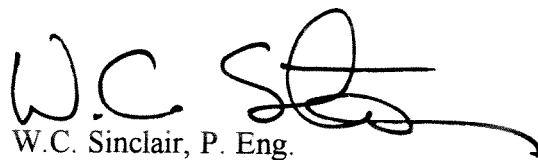
3.0 REVIEW

Staff have reviewed the premise of the design in the field and concluded that the separated foot path proposal remains the preferred option. Accordingly, there are no specific economics that would be gained to tying the project to the roadworks. None the less, staff have requested a price for this work from the paving contractor. At the time this report is being written, the contractor has not responded. As the scope for work is different from the bid contract, there is no assurance that the contractor will be able to undertake or appropriately price this extra work.

4.0 DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION

Staff have re-examined the feasibility of an asphalt sidewalk along Joffre Avenue and are awaiting a price estimate from the pavement rehabilitation contractor. If the price offered provides an opportunity of cost savings to the City, staff would pursue the sidewalk installation under the current paving work. Sufficient funds are available in Capital Contingency to cover the extra work. This course of action would provide the residents with the requisite footpath earlier than otherwise and at a reasonable cost to the City.

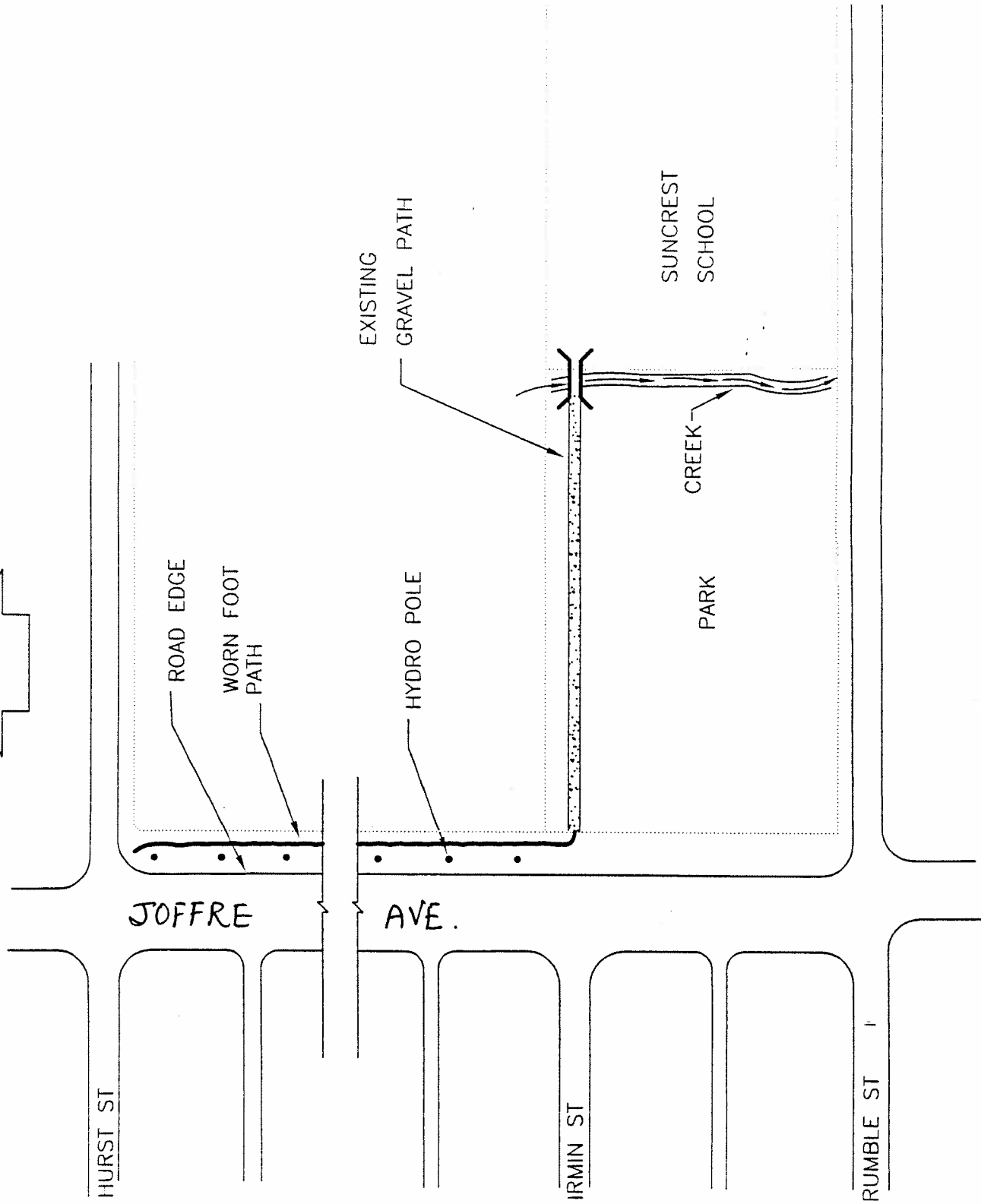
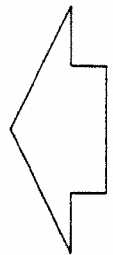
Staff have been in touch with Ms. Causier and outlined the issues discussed in this report with her. She understands that if the footpath is not built now it will be budgeted for next year. For the interim, the new road works will provide the option of improved gravel shoulders for pedestrians who previously walked on the roadway.



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