

TO: CITY MANAGER 2004 February 09

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING OUR FILE: 08.116.2

SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE LAKEVIEW EDMONDS NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION: NEIGHBOURHOOD TRAFFIC PLANNING ISSUES

PURPOSE: To respond to correspondence from the Lakeview-Edmonds Neighbourhood Association regarding neighbourhood traffic planning issues.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** a copy of this report be forwarded to the Lakeview-Edmonds Neighbourhood Association, 7949 Rosewood Street, Burnaby, BC, V5E 2H3.

REPORT

1.0 INTRODUCTION

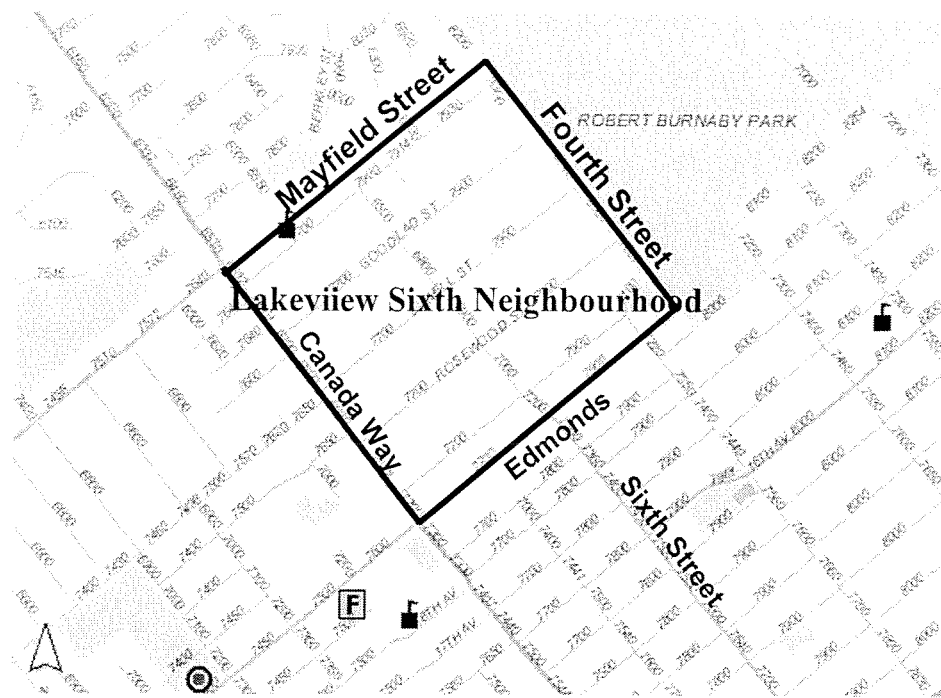
At its regular meeting of 2004 February 09, Council received correspondence from the Lakeview-Edmonds Neighbourhood Association which raised the following issues regarding traffic planning in the Lakeview/Sixth area as shown in *Figure 1*:

- the timing of the reconstruction and signalization of the intersection of Edmonds and Sixth Street which was approved in the Lakeview/Sixth Neighbourhood Traffic Plan.
- concerns regarding the possible extension of Goodlad Street to connect with Fourth Street and confirmation of the timeline for completion of the Mayfield extension to Fourth street.

In addition, the Association raised questions about planning for the Edmonds Street Corridor.

This report responds to the three issues raised by the Association.

Figure 1
Lakeview/Sixth Neighbourhood



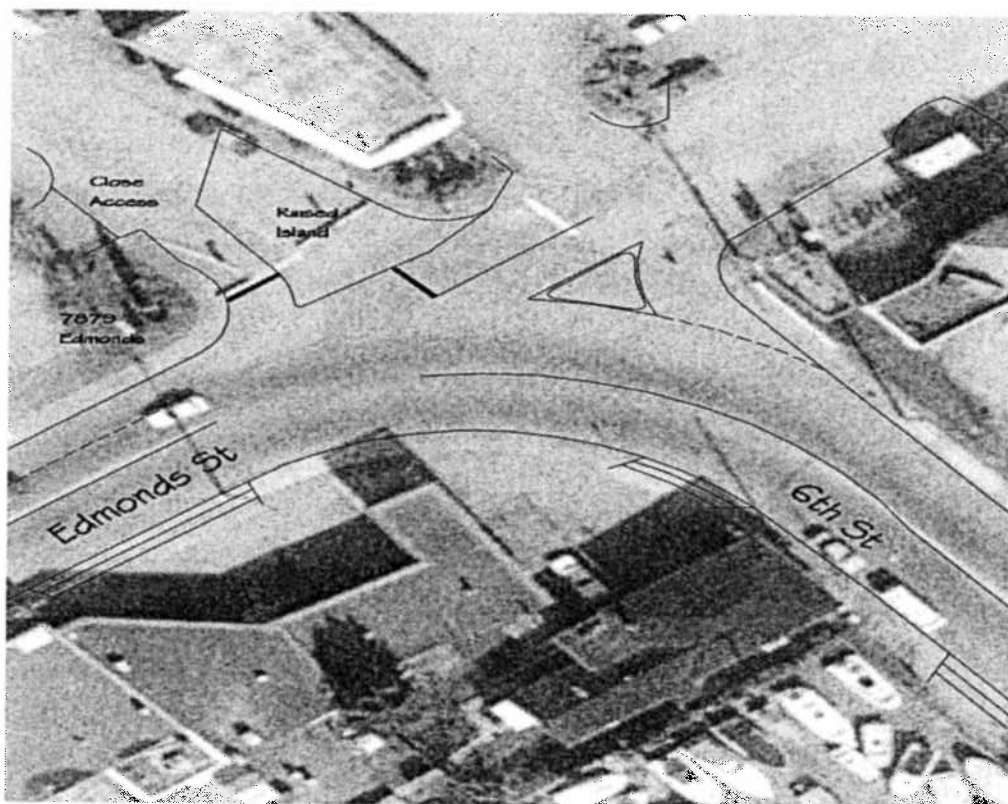
2.0 EDMONDS SIXTH INTERSECTION TIMING

2.1 Issue

Currently, the north approach to the intersection of Sixth and Edmonds is blocked by a traffic barrier which does not permit northbound movements into the neighbourhood and restricts southbound left turns from Sixth onto Edmonds out of the neighbourhood. However, these turning movement restrictions are regularly violated creating safety issues at the intersection. Since 1992 July, sixty-six collisions have been reported at this intersection.

The proposed improvements identified in the Lakeview/Sixth Neighbourhood Traffic Plan to address the traffic and pedestrian safety issues at the Edmonds Sixth intersection as shown in *Figure 2* were supported by a majority of neighbourhood residents, with 83.1% of respondents in favour.

Figure 2
Edmonds/Sixth Intersection
Reconstruction and Signalization



2.2 Status

The Lakeview/Sixth Neighbourhood Traffic Plan approved by Council noted that the estimated \$250,000 cost of this project would be financed from the 2004 - 2008 Capital Program for design in 2004 and construction thereafter as Capital Budget allocations permit.

The year for construction of the project was indeterminate at the time the Neighbourhood Traffic Plan was approved. As such, funds for construction of the Edmonds Sixth Intersection Project in 2005 were not included in the 2004 - 2008 Provisional Capital Program. Council had previously been apprised that staff will include this project for construction in 2005 within the upcoming 2004 - 2008 Annual Capital Program being prepared for consideration by Council in 2004 May.

3.0 MAYFIELD EXTENSION TO FOURTH STREET

3.1 Issue

The correspondence requests confirmation of the timeline of completion of the extension of Mayfield to Fourth Street as shown in **Figure 3**. In the Lakeview/Sixth Neighbourhood Traffic Plan, the residents identified the need for a connection from their neighbourhood to provide access to the neighbourhood from the north and south without having to use Canada Way.

Figure 3
Mayfield Extension



3.2 Status

The extension of Mayfield to Fourth Street has been undertaken incrementally in conjunction with the subdivision and development of adjacent City-owned lands located between Sixth Street and Fourth Street. The further extension of Mayfield


is related to the continued subdivision of the City lands from the existing east end-point of Mayfield to Fourth Street and, therefore a precise timeline for the construction of this road is not available. Staff are currently assessing the traffic, environmental and other implications of this extension. The results of this review will be forwarded to the Traffic and Transportation Committee and Council on completion. At that time, the Neighbourhood Association will also be advised of the outcome.

4.0 EDMONDS STREET CORRIDOR

With respect to improvements in the Edmonds Street Corridor, a report addressing this issue appears elsewhere on the Council Agenda of 2004 February 16. It is proposed that a copy of that report be forwarded to the Association. The involvement of the Association in helping to address the issues of the Edmonds Corridor is appreciated.

5.0 CONCLUSION

The correspondence from the Lakeview/Edmonds Neighbourhood Association raises two issues with regard to the traffic planning in the neighbourhood. The first relates to the timing of the Edmonds Sixth intersection improvements, and the second relates to the status of the planned extension of Mayfield to Fourth Street. In response, the design for the Edmonds Sixth intersection improvements would be undertaken in 2004 and for construction in 2005 with funds included in the 2004 - 2008 Annual Capital Program for Council consideration. With regard to the extension of Mayfield to Fourth Street, the timing of this road is related to the subdivision and development of the City-owned lands, and staff are currently assessing the implications of this road primarily from a traffic, environmental and cost perspective. The results will be forwarded to the Transportation Committee and Council in due course. The Neighbourhood Association will be advised of the outcome. With respect to planning in the Edmonds Corridor, initiatives are well underway and described elsewhere in this Council Agenda.


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