

TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2004 07 07
FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING **FILE:** 35000-30 (031)
SUBJECT: LANEWAY ADJACENT TO 4600 BLOCK CANADA WAY
PURPOSE: To respond to issues raised by Mr. R. S. Sveinson.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. **THAT** a copy of this report be forwarded to Mr. T. S. Sveinson, 4635 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC, V5G 1K9.

R E P O R T

1.0 BACKGROUND

On June 21, 2004, Council received a presentation by Mr. T. S. Sveinson requesting repair of the laneway adjacent to the 4600 block Canada Way. Mr. Sveinson advised that the lane was damaged by heavy traffic from local construction projects and that the lane should be repaired prior to proceeding with a local improvement initiative for speed humps. In addition, Mr. Sveinson also requested the enclosure of open ditches in the neighbourhood. Council subsequently referred Mr. Sveinson's requests to staff for a report.

2.0 LANE PAVING

Staff have reviewed the condition of the subject lane and compared it to other lanes within Burnaby in the immediate area. While there are some areas of distress within the lane, it is not dissimilar to the condition of many lanes both in the immediate area and throughout the City. The cost of repaving the entire lane is estimated to be \$50,000 for which there have been no funds allocated in current programs and given current funding levels and priorities it would be likely several years before this work could be scheduled. However, this should not prevent the speed hump initiative from proceeding as areas where speed humps will be placed that require localized repair can be corrected as part of the speed hump installation.

3.0 DITCH ENCLOSURES

Neighbourhood ditch enclosures on streets are typically achieved in conjunction with Roads Local Improvement Programs. Additionally, individual requests for ditch enclosures on streets and lanes can be undertaken with the costs paid for by the adjacent property owners. Guidelines for such enclosures are available and staff will forward a copy of these guidelines to Mr. Sveinson for his information. With regard to the specific property at 4635 Canada Way where Mr. Sveinson resides, it is noted that this is a City owned property acquired for future widening of Canada Way. No roadside ditch exists on the Canada Way frontage to this property and there are currently no plans to enclose the ditch in the rear lane.

4.0 CONCLUSION

Staff have reviewed the subject lane and advise that the speed hump local improvement initiative need not be delayed as local repairs can be undertaken to facilitate the installation of speed humps should the initiative prove successful. Repaving of the entire lane is unlikely to occur in the immediate future. Procedures for enclosing ditches have been outlined in this report and enclosure guidelines will be provided to Mr. sveinson. It is recommended that a copy of this report be forwarded to Mr. Sveinson.



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