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**TO:** CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2009 September 16  
**FROM:** DIRECTOR ENGINEERING **FILE:** Barker Ave  
**SUBJECT:** CORRESPONDENCE FROM MRS. MARIA QUON – 4930 BARKER  
CRES BURNABY  
**PURPOSE:** To respond to correspondence from Mrs. Maria Quon regarding restoration of a  
private retaining wall adjacent to 4930 Barker Cres.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** Council receive this report for information.
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to Mrs. Maria Quon of 4930 Barker Cres,  
Burnaby BC V5G 3G5.

**REPORT****1.0 BACKGROUND**

Appearing elsewhere on the Council correspondence package is a letter dated 2009 August 31 from Mrs. Maria Quon requesting the City to reinstate a retaining wall adjacent to her property. In 2008 March staff investigated a sink hole on the Barker Cres boulevard in front of the subject property. Arising from the field investigation, it was discovered that the City storm sewer in front of her property in the City boulevard required repair. Due to the proximity of the storm sewer to other utilities and the potential disruption to her property, the sewer was relocated to the street and a new sewer outfall was constructed (*see Figure 1*). Following the storm sewer work, the sink hole was backfilled and the boulevard was reinstated.

**2.0 DISCUSSION**

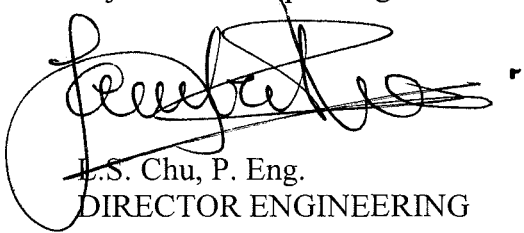
Mrs. Quon has raised several concerns with the storm sewer work including repair of the private retaining wall next to the outfall, the riprap rocks at the outfall and replacement of cedar hedging. The retaining wall referred to by the correspondent was built by the property owner on City property using sub-standard old concrete material. The wall is located on City property and extends into the boulevard. In order to facilitate the repair of the sink hole and to construct the new outfall, it was necessary to remove a section of the retaining wall from the City boulevard.

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As part of the surface restoration work, riprap rocks were placed at the storm outfall to stabilize the embankment where a section of the old retaining wall was removed. Mrs. Quon is not satisfied with the riprap surface and requested a replacement wall be constructed instead. While respecting the correspondent's viewpoint, staff are of the opinion that it is neither the City's responsibility to replace a private wall that was constructed on City property nor feasible to replace the wall without removing the remaining sections of the wall. Staff have reviewed the restoration work on the boulevard and believe that the riprap rocks can be further adjusted to minimize the visual appearance from Mrs. Quon's property. In addition, cedar hedging will be planted to replace the two cedars that were removed.

**3.0 CONCLUSION**

Having reviewed the correspondent's request to restore the substandard private retaining wall to its original condition, staff would like to reaffirm our earlier position that it is not advisable or feasible to do so. However, staff will contact Mrs. Quon and work with her on the riprap adjustment and planting of additional cedar hedging.

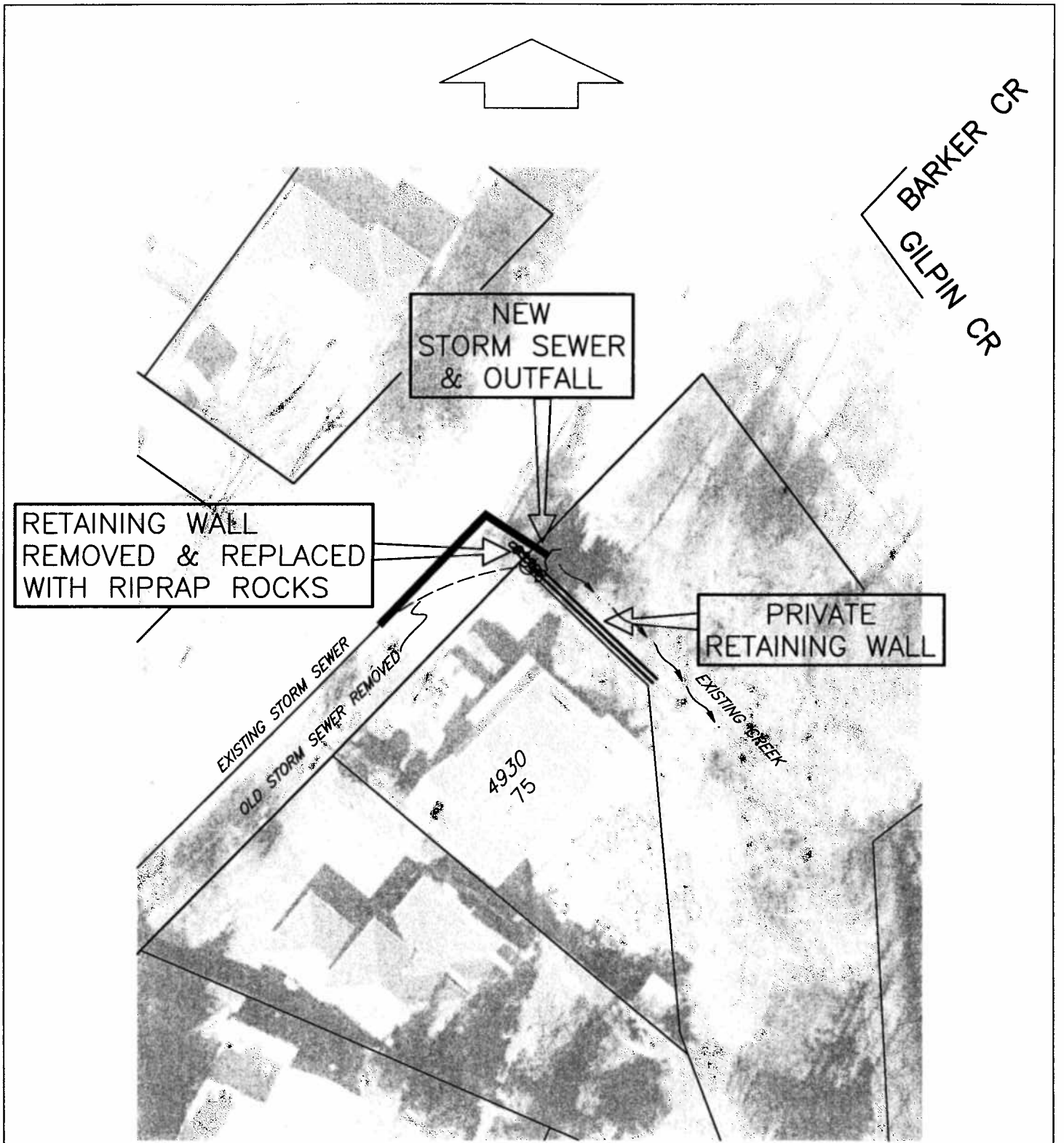


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DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

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**SUBJECT PROPERTY  
4930 BARKER CRESCENT**

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