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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Public Works Committee was held in the Municipal Hall, Murrayville, B. C. On Monday, September 29th, 1969.

Present Were:

Alderman Woolley (Chairman) Mayor Poppy, Aldermen Barichello, Blair, Breier, Jensen and Snuster.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent reported verbally as follows:

Equipment

The trucks are hauling from the Vittick Pit to reconstructed roads, the cat is working on 102nd Street and the crusher has been moved and set up at the Bell Pit. One labour crew is working on culverts, one on patching and a three man crew on brushing.

Hillcrest Water System

The well drillers have commenced drilling the well on the Hillcrest Road Allowance today.

This report was received on motion of Aldermen Jensen and Blair.

OTHER BUSINESSTelegraph Trail and 96th Avenue - Drainage

The Chairman read a letter from Surrey regarding drainage of the Flynn property, which would have to be along a ditch on the C.N.R. property through a culvert under the right-of-way into a natural watercourse beyond. It is estimated that the cleaning out of this watercourse would cost Five Hundred Dollars and the letter suggested that this be shared on a fifty/fifty basis by Surrey and Langley with Langley doing the work. There is also a need for some ditch work adjacent to this culvert in Langley municipality.

On motion of Aldermen Breier and Jensen this matter was referred to the Superintendent for investigation and report.

Roberts Bank Railway

A report of the meeting held on September 25th, 1969 was presented, and is attached to these minutes as Schedule No. 1.

The Chairman reported that a letter had been received from Mr. Fisk of the C.N.R. regarding the drainage which stated that the C.N.R. would ensure that the ditches are kept free from erosion and silting and if, in fact, any damage does occur during the time of construction, the C.N.R. will undertake to clean out these ditches upon completion of the project.

The Clerk reported that the Municipal Consulting Engineers, Willis, Cunliffe, Falt and Company, had inspected the site, the plans and the specifications and made the following report:

'At your request we have inspected the plans and visited the site of the proposed level crossing at River Road and the proposed grade separation at Rawlison Crescent. We recommend the following:

1. That the level crossing at River Road be not approved and that the proposed alignment be the subject of further discussions between the Township and ourselves before a reply is made to the C.N.R.
2. That the approval of the re-alignment of Rawlison Crescent be withheld pending further information from the C.N.R.'

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On motion of Aldermen Barichello and Jensen the Canadian Transport Commission and the C.N.R. are to be notified that the Municipal Council does not approve the railway crossing at River Road and at Rawlison Crescent.

It was reported that Engineers from Willis, Cunliffe, Tait and Company will be visiting the Municipal Office at 3:00 p.m. tomorrow, and it was decided, on motion of Aldermen Blair and Breier to invite the C.N.R. representatives to attend at 4:00 p.m.

Langley City Road Signs

The Chairman read a letter from the City of Langley asking if the Municipality would perform the necessary reflectorizing of their road signs.

On motion of Aldermen Blair and Barichello the Public Works Department is requested to co-operate with the City of Langley to do this work if it can be fitted into the Municipal programme.

226th Street (South of Medd Road) - drainage

Mr. Dayton, the Ditches and Watercourses Engineer, submitted a report and plan of alternative solutions to the drainage problem. One was to convey the water through a ditch to 228th Street at a cost of \$1,320.00, the other was to convey the water north on 226th and then east on Medd Road at a cost of \$2,420.00. The report recommended the first project as a possible solution.

Members of Council felt that the natural watercourse through the Morfitt property should have been shown as a possible other alternative.

On motion of Aldermen Barichello and Breier a meeting with the property owners and the Engineer is to be held in the near future.

Public Works Expenditures

The expenditures for the period ending August 30th, 1969 were presented and received on motion of Mayor Poppy and Alderman Breier.

The Chairman requested the Committee to make a decision regarding the question of the gradall and stated that it is not intended to purchase a machine this year, then authority should be granted for a machine to be hired to carry out some essential ditching work in the municipality.

On motion of Aldermen Blair and Breier a gradall ditching machine is to be hired to assist with the drainage work.

White Fence Farms

The Chairman reported that Mr. Pihan is digging a ditch and directing water onto his neighbour's property, and suggested that he be requested to desist.

On motion of Aldermen Breier and Blair a letter is to be forwarded to Mr. Pihan in this regard.

Aldergrove

Alderman Breier reported that the ditches in Aldergrove require improvement following the construction of the sewer system. The Chairman stated that this would be undertaken when the machine is hired to do the ditching work.

Alderman Breier also referred to Bouny Road and asked that it either be patched this year or re-surfacing project be undertaken next year.

On motion of Aldermen Breier and Mayor Poppy the re-surfacing of Bouny Road was referred to the 1970 programme.

Garbage Dump

Alderman Breier reported that the City of Langley Council has banned all burning on this dump, and the papers from the Municipal Hall and Police Office are now being taken to the Jackman Road Dump for burning. He wondered if an incinerator could be installed at the Municipal Hall site for the use of the municipality and the School Board.