

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee was held in the Committee Room at City Hall on October 31, 1989 at 3:30 p.m.

In attendance were Alderman John Keryluk and Alderman George Laking.

Also in attendance was Mike McKone and a delegation from Metro Motors and K. Janna Taylor, Parks & Recreation Director.

Item No. 1 Lougheed Median

Mike McKone met with the Parks and Recreation Committee to discuss the question of trees blocking visibility to the various businesses along Lougheed Highway between Westwood Street and Hastings Street. The attached letter from Mr. McKone was reviewed as was the letter from the Golden Lotus Restaurant.

Mr. McKone basically restated what he had written in his letter. The committee indicated that they did not support removing all the trees, but would consider removing some trees.

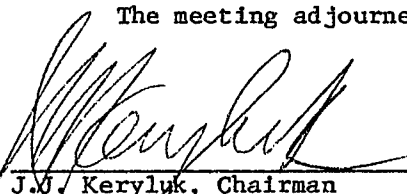
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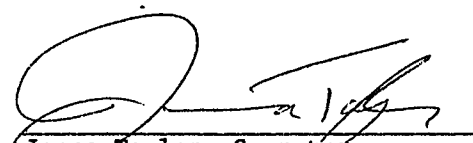
- a) That Mr. McKone's reports were noted and that a report would be sent to Council requesting removal of some of the trees.


Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.


J. Keryluk, Chairman


Janna Taylor, Secretary


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Office of the Mayor — THE CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

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November 8, 1989

Metro Motors Limited,
2505 Lougheed Highway,
Port Coquitlam, B.C.
V3B 1B2

Attention: Mr. Mike McKone,
President

Dear Mr. McKone:

Thank you for your letter dated November 6, 1989.

I have forwarded a copy of your letter to Alderman J.J. Keryluk,
Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Committee for their report and reply.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "L.M. Traboulay".

L.M. Traboulay,
Mayor

c.c. Alderman J.J. Keryluk
Alderman G.R. Laking
K.J. Taylor;
Parks & Recreation Director

Handwritten initials, possibly "L.M.", above the date stamp.
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November 6, 1989

Mr. L. M. Traboulay
Mayor
City of Port Coquitlam
City Hall
2580 Shaughnessy Street
Port Coquitlam, B. C.
V3C 2A8

Dear Mayor Traboulay:

This is to request the removal of the tall trees planted in the median of the Lougheed Highway between Westwood Street and Hastings Street. Some reasons are:

- 1) The tall trees create a visual barrier preventing people travelling east from seeing the businesses on the north side and people travelling west from seeing the businesses on the south side. These businesses need visibility to compete in an ever more competitive market place. Many of the potential customers are coming to the businesses for the first time and have trouble finding them. Most retail businesses require a strong visual impact to bring its products and services to the attention of potential customers, and some amount of this visibility is denied to these business operators.
- 2) The visibility problem is getting continually worse as the trees grow wider and thicker.
- 3) The trees create an unsafe visual barrier for pedestrians. Not only are pedestrians obscured by the trees so when they step off the median to cross the street there is no warning but the pedestrians have to step right onto the curb or onto the road in order to see because the trees are so wide now.
- 4) The tall trees are an unfair hindrance to the affected businesses because similar medians do not have tall trees. Why should similar businesses with similar highway frontage be treated differently? The Lougheed Highway heading east from Shaughnessy is virtually identical in dimensions, age, and construction yet the median only has low lying shrubbery. The new Mary Hill bypass does not have a planted median at

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B.R. Kirk
K.J. Taylor

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Golden Lotus Restaurant
2579 Lougheed Highway
Port Coquitlam, B. C.
V3B 1B4
September 18, 1989

CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM ENGINEERING DEPT.		
SEP 27 1989		
TO	FROM	DATE

Mayor Len Traboulay
The Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam
2580 Shaughnessy Street
Port Coquitlam, B. C.
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Dear Mayor Traboulay and Council,

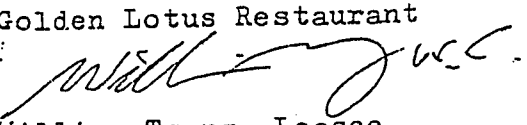
This letter is a request that the City of Port Coquitlam remove the trees on the median that divides east and west bound traffic at 2500 block Lougheed Highway. This row of trees is a safety hazard as pedestrians use the median as a "halfway point" when crossing Lougheed at Raleigh. Drivers cannot see these pedestrians as they dart out in front of the traffic from behind the trees. We feel that the safety factor "alone" should be reason enough to remove the trees.

Another concern of ours is that potential customers, after seeing our advertisements in other areas of the Lower Mainland, drive right through Port Coquitlam and end up in Maple Ridge. Potential revenue is lost when these customers call from Maple Ridge saying, "Where are you? We couldn't find your restaurant and kept going eastbound and now we are having dinner in Maple Ridge." We have lost business as a direct result of the trees. Money that should have been spent in Port Coquitlam has needlessly gone out of our municipality.

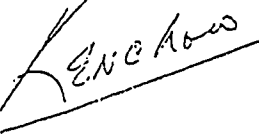
Please present our concerns to council. Thanking you in advance for your consideration in this important matter.

Sincerely,


Golden Lotus Restaurant


William Tsang, Leasee

Ken Chow, Owner



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