



# **Corporate** NO: R205

# **Report** COUNCIL DATE: September 25, 2000

## **REGULAR COUNCIL**

**TO: Mayor & Council**    **DATE: August 24, 2000**

**FROM: General Manager, Engineering**    **FILE: 2152-06800**

**SUBJECT: Stop Up and Close By-law for 68 Avenue at Fraser Highway**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council direct the City Clerk to prepare a Stop Up and Close By-law for 68 Avenue at Fraser Highway.

## **INTENT**

To convey to Council that the Engineering Department supports the closure of 68 Avenue at Fraser Highway, consistent with the North Cloverdale East NCP.

## **BACKGROUND**

The North Cloverdale East NCP was adopted by Council on September 13, 1994. This NCP was the first to be completed and adopted by Council. Since that time, an extensive amount of development has occurred to the point where about 75% of the lands have redeveloped consistent with the NCP. Subsequent to the North Cloverdale East NCP, the North Cloverdale West NCP (west of 184 Street) was adopted by Council in July 1996. Redevelopment of the lands in the West NCP have also proceeded to the point where approximately 45% of the lands have developed consistent with the NCP.

The basic road pattern, as set out in both of the NCP documents, has been adhered to with only some of the links as yet to be constructed. One of the more significant links, particularly in the North Cloverdale West neighbourhood, is 68 Avenue which currently exists from about 179 Street to 184 Street and in the East neighbourhood from 184 Street to Fraser Highway. Ultimately, 68 Avenue is to extend to the west to connect to 176 Street (Highway 15).

## **DISCUSSION**

The road pattern established for both neighbourhoods contemplated a network that would provide a high level of access to local residents while attempting to minimize non-local traffic intrusion to the neighbourhoods. As a result, 68 Avenue through North Cloverdale East was designated as a local road with a connection to 184 Street (designated arterial) and no connection to Fraser Highway (designated an arterial). The intent was to close the access to Fraser Highway upon substantial completion of the road network in North Cloverdale East. The road network in this neighbourhood is now sufficiently mature to support the closure of 68 Avenue at Fraser Highway.

In addition, several citizens have called or written letters expressing concerns about the volume and speed of traffic on 68 Avenue east of 184 Street. These citizens have requested that 68 Avenue be closed as was planned for in the NCP document.

The Engineering Department supports the closure of 68 Avenue at Fraser Highway at this time.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

The closure of 68 Avenue at Fraser Highway was planned for in the North Cloverdale East NCP. The road network in the area is now sufficiently mature to allow for this closure without negatively impacting area residents. The Engineering Department recommends that Council direct the City Clerk to prepare a Stop Up and Close By-law for Council's consideration.

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