

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

REMOVAL OF TEMPORARY CURBING AT 7365, 7371 AND 7373 MARTIN GROVE ROAD

WARD 2

(Referred Item)

Council, at its meeting of June 30, 2009, adopted the following (Item 46, CW Report No. 35):

"That this matter be deferred to the Committee of the Whole meeting of September 8, 2009; and

That the memorandum from the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated June 29, 2009, be received."

Recommendation of the Committee of the Whole of June 23, 2009:

"The Committee of the Whole recommends that a decision on this matter be deferred to the Council meeting of June 30, 2009, and that staff provide appropriate drawings and any other necessary information requested by Members of Council."

Report of Councillor Carella, dated June 23, 2009

Recommendation

Councillor Tony Carella recommends

1. That the letter from Andrejs Management Inc., on behalf of the board of directors of York Region Condominium Corporation No. 911, be received, and
2. That the temporary curbing installed along the north side of the laneway between Vaughan Grove Park and Villa Amica, which provides access to 7365, 7371 and 7373 Martin Grove Road, be moved approximately 5 m to the north of its present position.

Contribution to Sustainability

Temporary curbing can be used flexibly, as in this case, meaning the cost of permanent curbing can be avoided.

Economic Impact

Nil

Communication Plan

Not required

Purpose

To address the issue of impeded access caused by the narrowed driveway, a function of the current placement of the temporary curbing at this site.

Background – Analysis and Options

While the placement of curbing at this site was intended to end the parking of vehicle along the north side of the subject roadway, the intent has not been achieved, given the absence of on-going enforcement. When such parking occurs, access to the sites served by the roadway is

reduced---a matter of concern to the seniors who form the bulk of the residents at both Villa Amica and Villa Giardino. Moving the temporary curbing will admittedly result in parking along the north side of the roadway, but that is occurring in any event; thus, even with such parking, the roadway will be of sufficient width once again to accommodate the widest of emergency vehicles.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Regional Implications

None

Attachment:

- 1) Letter of Maureen O'Brien, Property Manager, Andrejs Management Inc.
- 2) Memorandum dated June 29, 2009

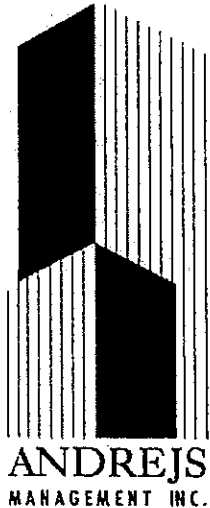
Conclusion:

The request is a reasonable one, given the issue raised by the correspondent.

Report prepared by:

Councillor Tony Carella, FRSA

Attachment 1



June 2nd, 2009

Mr. Tony Carella

**RE: MAIN ROADWAY CONCRETE CURBS – NORTH SIDE 7373, 7371, 7365
MARTINGROVE ROAD, WOODBRIDGE, ONTARIO**

Dear Mr. Carella:

We are writing a second letter of request to you asking that you arrange to have the **North** side curbs either removed entirely in the main roadway to the three properties as noted above, or, to please arrange to have the North side curbs moved back towards the soccer field on the main roadway leading past 7371 and 7373 and 7365 Martin Grove Road. We have observed that in the past when vehicles park both on the South and North side, it impedes emergency vehicles from clear access to 7373, 7371, and 7365 Martin Grove Road, which is "Shining Through", a government owned building.

Our Board of Directors from YRCC NO. 911, Mrs. Sara Tripodi, and yourself met last year to discuss this issue, however, to date there has been no action in this regard. It was discussed that the North side curbs be moved back, and that gravel be placed after the curbs were moved over, or, the asphalt be extended from the current roadway. We are requesting that you readdress this situation and assist us with rectifying this issue this Spring/Summer of 2009.

Thank you for your assistance in this regard.

Yours Truly,
ANDREJS MANAGEMENT INC.
For And On Behalf Of The Board Of Directors
York Region Condominium Corporation No. 911

Maureen O'Brien
Property Manager

Cc Board of Directors
Cc Shared Facility File

June 29, 2009

To: Mayor Linda D. Jackson
and Members of Council

Re: **Removal of Temporary Curbing at 7365, 7371 and 7373
Martin Grove Road, Ward 2
Additional Information for Council, June 30, 2009**

At its meeting of June 23, 2009, Committee of the Whole recommended:

"that a decision on this matter be deferred to the Council meeting of June 30, 2009, and that staff provide appropriate drawings and any other necessary information requested by Members of Council."

Engineering and/or site plan drawings were not readily available to be provided in time for the Council meeting. Accordingly, staff have taken photographs of the current installation and have marked up an air photo to illustrate the current location of the temporary curbing. This material is attached to this memorandum. Temporary curbing is in place along both the north and south sides of the driveway and the travelled width between curbs is approximately 7.6 metres.

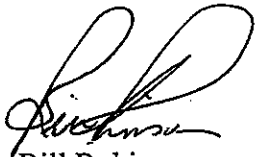
We understand that vehicles park on both sides of this driveway (even though No Stopping signs are posted) thereby leaving no room for emergency vehicles to get through.

We understand that the purpose of moving the curbing would be to allow parking along the north side of the driveway. The south side of the driveway could remain as a No Stopping area and parking could be allowed on the north side provided that a clear width of 6 metres remained for emergency vehicles. Accordingly, the 7.6 metre driveway width could be increased to 8.5 metres by moving the temporary curbing along the north side a distance of about 1 metre.

Since the area north of the existing, temporary curbing is primarily a gravel/soil/grass area, parking of cars would create ruts with the area reverting to a soil surface unless a surface treatment was placed. Should Council wish to allow parking here, an area approximately 2 metres wide should be graveled at a minimum (preferably with an asphalt surface) to reduce the rutting and water ponding that would otherwise occur over time. This added width would allow for parking on the north side of the driveway. By-law Enforcement have indicated that they are prepared to enforce the No Stopping provisions on the south side to ensure there would still be room for emergency vehicles.

memorandum

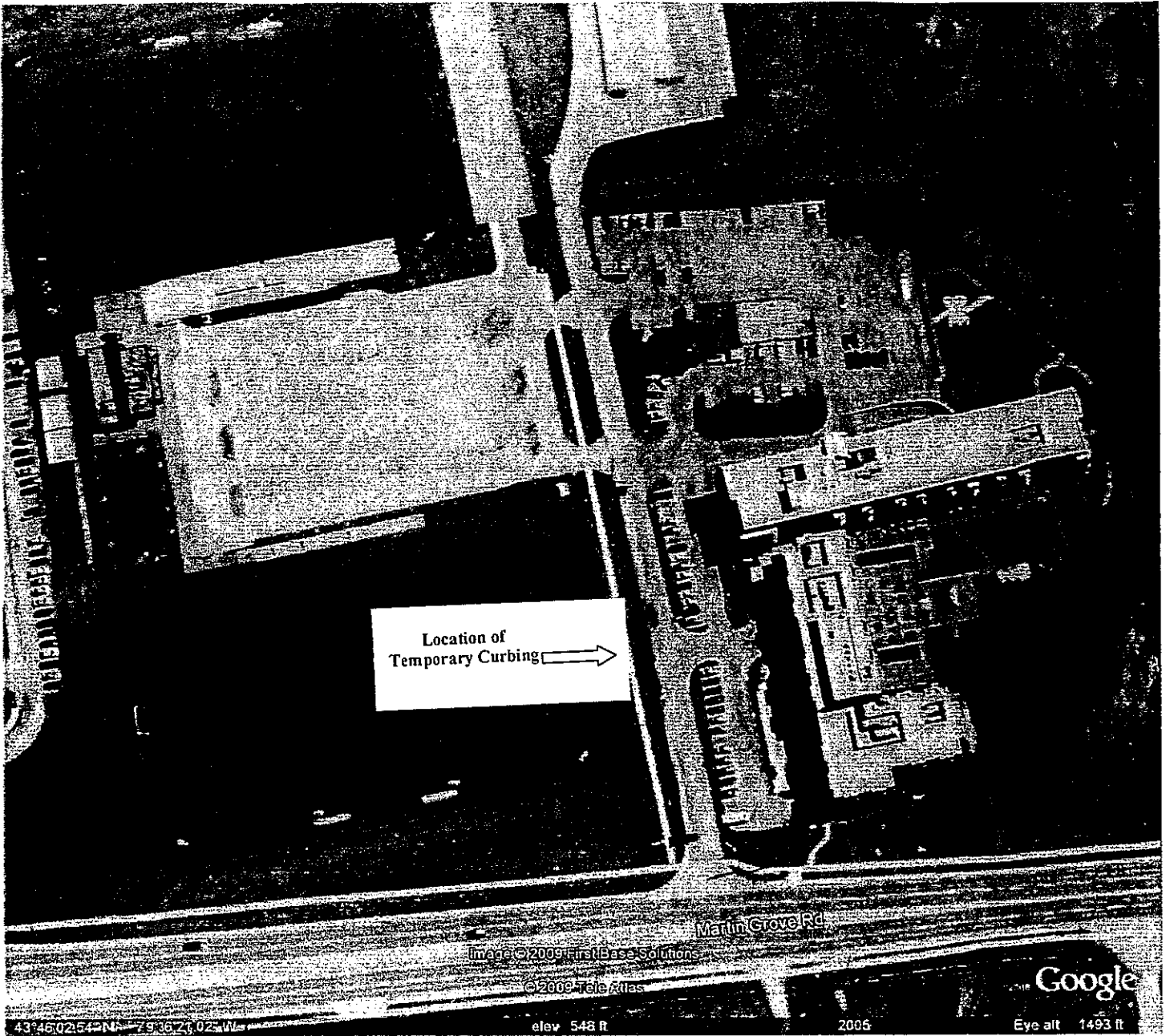
Should Council approve the foregoing, Public Works, Parks & Forestry Operations and By-law Enforcement Services would finalize the details of the revisions. As there is no funding available in the approved budget, the cost of this work should be considered in the 2010 Budget deliberations.



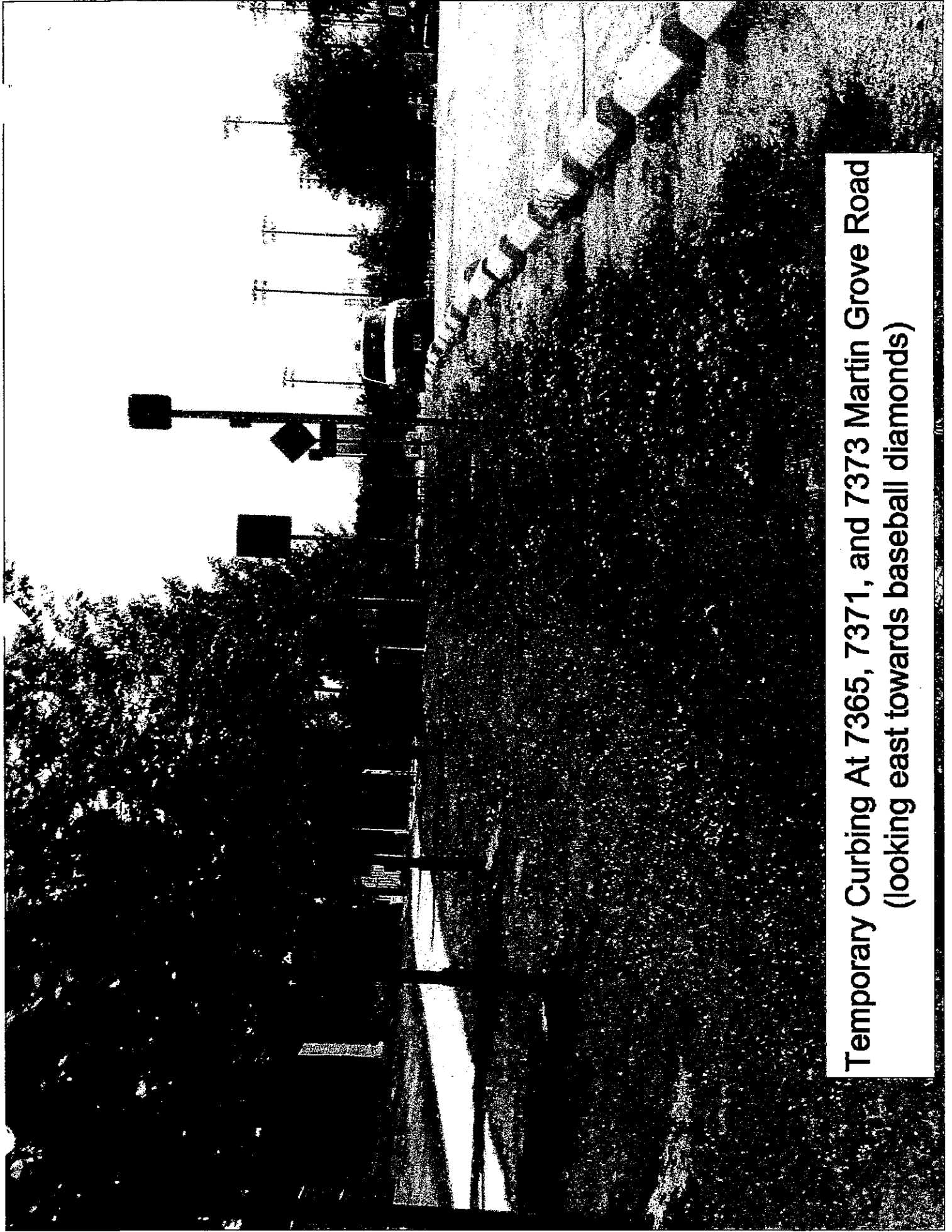
Bill Robinson,
Commissioner of Engineering & Public Works
(Ext 8247)

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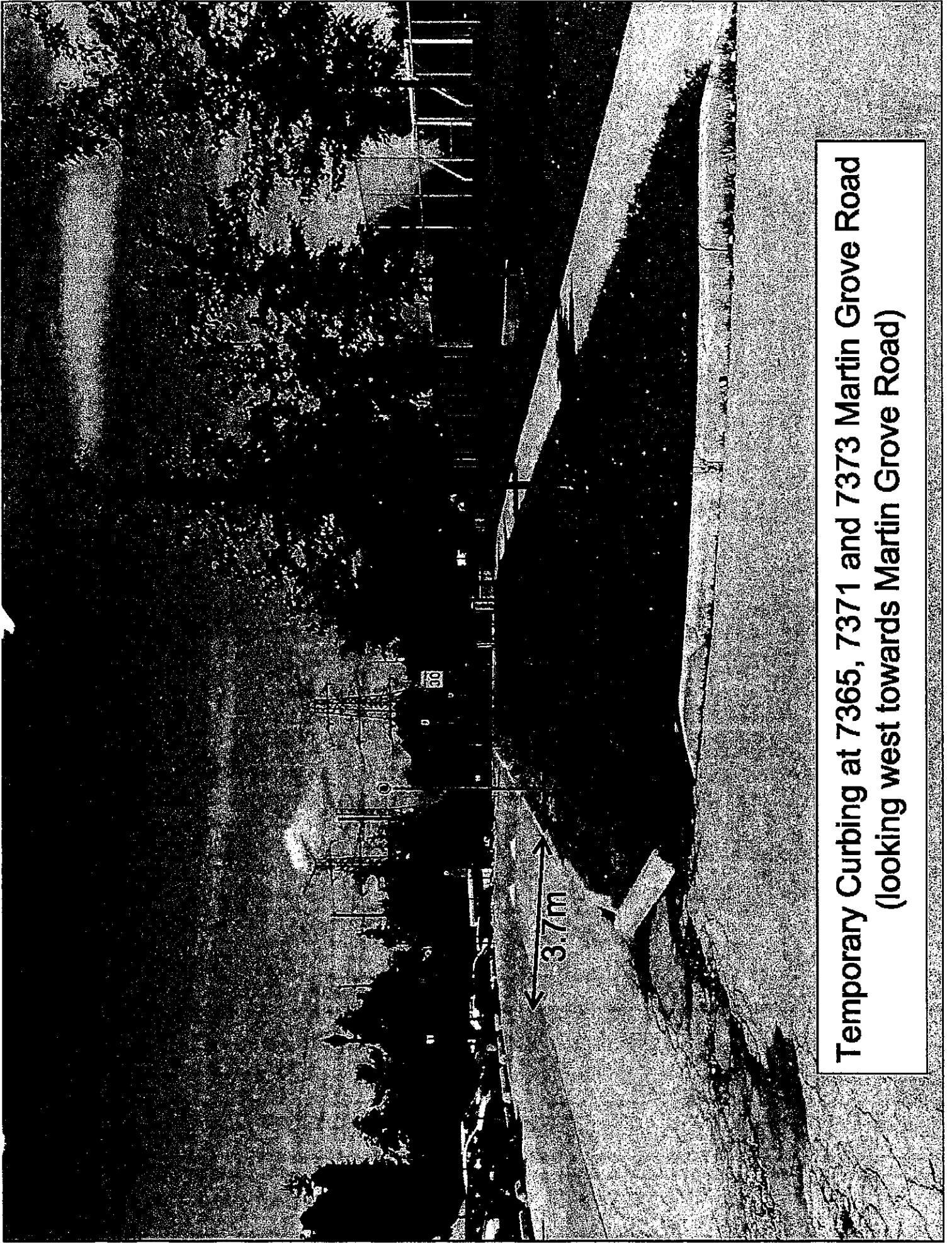
Copy: Michael DeAngelis, City Manager
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Services/City Solicitor
Brian Anthony, Director of Public Works
Marjie Fraser, Director of Parks & Forestry Operations
Tony Thompson, Director of By-laws Enforcement



Temporary Curbing at 7365, 7371 and
7373 Martin Grove Road



Temporary Curbing At 7365, 7371, and 7373 Martin Grove Road
(looking east towards baseball diamonds)



Temporary Curbing at 7365, 7371 and 7373 Martin Grove Road
(looking west towards Martin Grove Road)