

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
CANADA

OFFICE OF  
INDIAN AGENT

Alert Bay, B. C.,  
April 14, 1934.

Dear Sir,-

When I was in Victoria I mentioned to you a road which the Provincial Department of Public Works were contemplating building through a sub-division of the Indian Industrial School reserve here and which they have already run a survey and slashed out the roadway.

This work was started, I understand, during the regime of Mr. Halliday and it was only after I started to check up on reserves that this was brought to my attention. I took the matter up with the road foreman here, Mr. Bice, and he gave me particulars regarding arrangements made with Mr. Halliday, but going through our files I could not find any record whereby the Department had given their consent or authorized this road to be built. I have gone over the proposed road where the survey is made, and thoroughly agree that this is the only location where this road can be built, as it follows the natural contour of the hillside and is really very necessary as it is being built for the express purpose of having access to the cemetery. At the present time caskets have to be carried some half mile through the woods, which is a very unfortunate state of affairs.

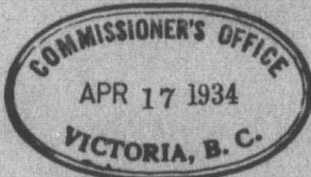
I understand the engineers of the Department of Public Works are expected here shortly and it is their intention to proceed with this road as a relief measure. When they arrive I will go over the matter with them and make a further report to you with my recommendations as to any adjustment in the way of claims for compensation which the Provincial Government will be expected to pay. In the meantime, I would appreciate if you would take up with the Department at Ottawa the matter of this road being built through this portion of this Industrial School reserve, and get their permission to build this road. I am enclosing herewith a small sketch which will show the proposed road; you will please note it almost cuts the lots in two, which face on Front Street. This fact I regret, but there is no other way in which the road could be built unless they follow along Park Street to the end of the lots and then turned east on Broughton Street, which would be a very difficult job as the road would be very steep through this way. I am inclined to feel that the proposed road should be sanctioned after taking everything into consideration.

Your obedient servant,

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