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INDIAN AGENT'S OFFICE.

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Dear Mr. Ditchburn:-

When you were here a couple of days ago, I told you I had received correspondence from Ottawa relating to the application of the Municipal District of North Vancouver, for a roadway through the Seymour Creek Indian Reserve No. 2 and Burrard Inlet Reserve No. 3, and I have today been over these two Reserves accompanied with the Municipal Engineer, Mr. Sherwood and Mr. Andrew Paull, Secretary of the Squamish Indian Council.

Whilst down at the Second Narrows Bridge, where it joins the Reserve, the Municipal Engineer informed me that a steel bridge would shortly be constructed across the mouth of Seymour Creek, connecting with the road that will go almost in a straight line to the Burrard #3 Reserve. You will be aware, probably, that since the Seymour Creek No. 2 Reserve was set apart, considerable activity of freshet waters in Seymour Creek has changed to a considerable degree the course of the waterway, a result of which, to all appearances, is the obliteration of the post indicating in particular the south-eastern boundary of the Reserve.

Mr. Paull informs me that the old Reserve map showed the presence of Indian houses on the shoreline along the creek. These houses have long since disappeared and the only map I have of this Reserve, besides a small scale map received from the Department, is the blueprint prepared by the Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Company; the former being too small to give any idea of the correctness of the boundaries, and the latter being prepared to conform with the present sinuosities of the shoreline, as carved out by the river, so that what is now, to all appearances, a creek-bed is what was formerly dry land with houses upon it.

You will readily see, therefore, that with this change in the shoreline our riparian interest, which formerly extended to the centre of the creek is thrown apparently some distance out. Preparatory to the construction of the proposed steel bridge it will be necessary for the Municipality to negotiate for the ground area for the accommodation of the bridge and as conditions are at present, it is difficult to determine what proportion of the bridge area will come within the Seymour Creek Reserve limits and what proportion will have to be taken from adjacent property.

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