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**TO:** CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2007 February 14

**FROM:** DIRECTOR FINANCE

**SUBJECT: UNSIGHTLY PROPERTY AT 6227 PORTLAND STREET**

**PURPOSE:** To obtain Council authority for City staff or agents to enter the property at 6227 Portland Street and remove unsightly materials, overgrowth, and used building materials, at the property owners expense, in accordance with the Burnaby Unsightly Premises Bylaw.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** Council authorize City staff or agents to enter the property at 6227 Portland Street to remove the accumulation of used building materials, overgrown vegetation, and other accumulations of items, the costs of which will be charged to the property owner and applied to the property taxes if unpaid by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**REPORT**

In 2004 June 08, the City received a complaint about grass, weeds and blackberry bushes approximately 4 feet high covering a boat in the back yard of 6227 Portland Street. On 2004 June 11, an inspection revealed that the rear of the property was very overgrown with grass weeds and blackberry bushes covering a storage shed and surrounding the boat and trailer parked on site.

Despite numerous attempts to contact the property owner, in person, by telephone, and by E-mail, Mr Randall Warwick has avoided all contact with staff. Staff have sent several letters requesting bylaw compliance with no response from the property owner. The latest letter dated 2007 January 30 informed the property owner the debris removal by city staff was estimated at \$2,700. Furthermore, if voluntary compliance was not achieved by February 12, staff will approach Burnaby City Council requesting authority to have City staff enter the property and clean it at his expense.

On 2007 February 13 the attached photos were taken which confirm there has been no improvement at 6227 Portland Street.

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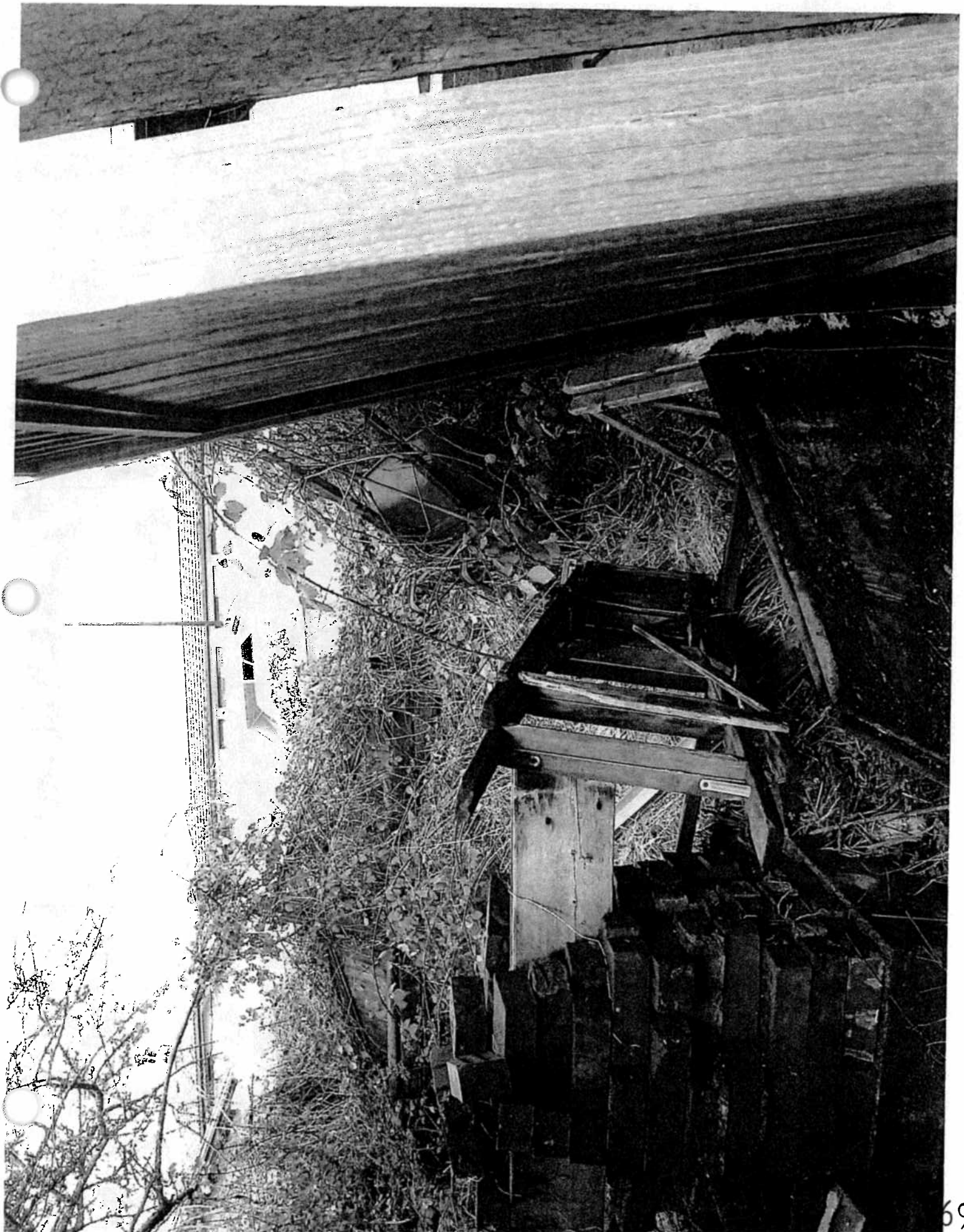
Staff consider this property in violation of the Burnaby Unsightly Premises Bylaw. Attempts to achieve voluntary compliance have been unsuccessful, and remain unlikely. Council's authorization to have City personnel enter the property to perform the necessary clean up is now requested.

Under the provisions of the Burnaby Unsightly premises Bylaw No. 5533, Council's approval is required to authorize staff to clean-up the property at the owner's expense. The cost of the clean-up will be added to taxes if unpaid by 2007 December 31.



Rick Earle  
DIRECTOR FINANCE

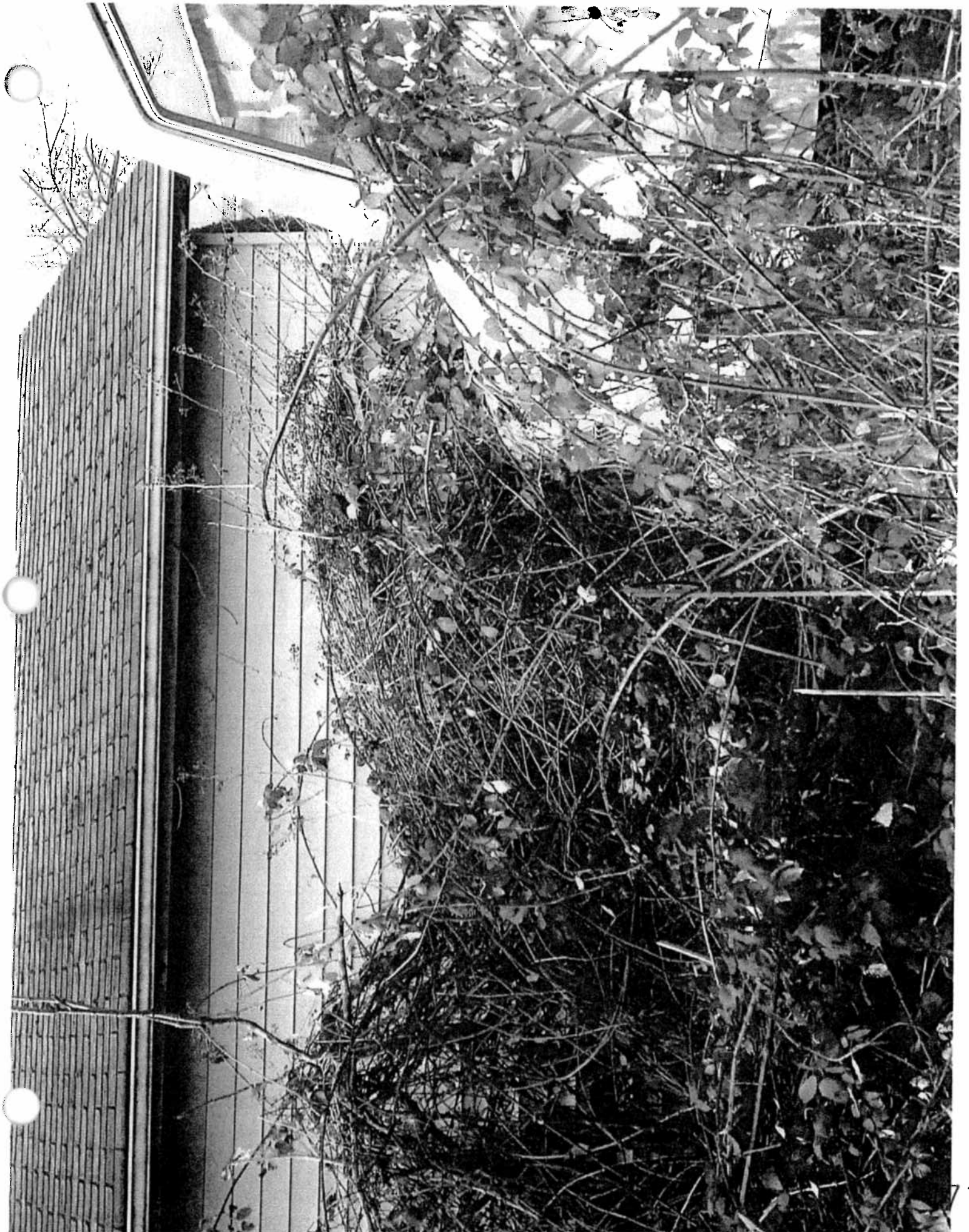
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