

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

March 5, 1965

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AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Gentlemen:

REPORT OF THE POLICY/PLANNING COMMITTEE

Your Committee met on Monday, March 1st and would report as follows:

- (1) Application of Else Enterprises Ltd. for permission to operate a Discotheque Club at 1240 East Hastings Street

This application was referred to the Policy Committee by the Council on February 15th last for the purpose of determining whether or not a regulatory by-law should be drawn permitting the operation of Discotheque Clubs. If a recommendation was to be made to the Council that such a by-law be considered, the Committee would also recommend the required regulations to be contained in the by-law.

The Committee has reviewed the entire matter in the light of all representations made to the Council since the application was first filed. While serious consideration was given to those submissions received from church officials and citizens, the Committee submits that the report of the various public officials over the signature of Mr. E. L. Coughlin, Social Service Administrator, dated February 12th is of prime importance. These officials are involved constantly in the problems of youth in this community and are the best qualified to advise on what basis the Discotheque activities might be conducted in Burnaby.

The public officials recommend that this activity should be controlled at a community level, possibly through the schools or recreation centres. Some dancing activity is currently carried on in the secondary schools programme. The School Board has indicated non-support of the Discotheque application. Indications are that the recreational centres could not handle the activity.

The public officials' report suggests some regulations for a Discotheque Club, should it be agreed that a licence be granted.

Discotheque Clubs have introduced a new form of public dancing operation into this area, hence there is no real experience on which to base a set of regulations.

Your Committee feels it would be advisable to delay further consideration of the application and hold a watching brief on those clubs already operating in this area and on Vancouver Island.

The knowledge gained from the experience of the existing operations would be available, and would be helpful in establishing a proper set of regulations for the possible granting of a licence in Burnaby.

Your Committee received a second application from Mr. D. E. Crump for a licence to operate a Discotheque Club in the Kingsway Burnaby area.

Your Committee recommends that both applications for a licence to operate a Discotheque Club in Burnaby be laid over for a period of two months and that further consideration be given to the introduction of a regulatory by-law at that time.

Your Committee would also recommend that a request be made to Else Enterprises Ltd. and other operators in the metropolitan area for the following statistical information to be taken over the two month period.

- (1) Number of patrons attending each week, and the age brackets into which they fall.
- (2) How many of the patrons attending are students?
- (3) The hours during which the patrons are attending, by age groups.

(?) Report of Burnaby Canadian Centennial Committee

The members of the Centennial Committee attended and discussed the Council's query about the proposal to appoint a Selection Committee of three qualified persons to recommend a suitable commemorative project to the Centennial Committee for subsequent recommendation to the Council. This proposal is intended in no way to indicate that the Committee wishes to dodge responsibility. The selection arrangement would be similar to that employed by the Provincial Government in the choice of a design layout for Simon Fraser University by a panel of judges. The selection would be approved by the Centennial Committee executive which group in turn would recommend to the Council. It is the opinion of the Committee that a selection can be made as well by a small group as by a large group, without the inevitable controversy that occurs with the latter.

Your Committee would recommend approval of the programme arrangements of the Centennial Committee as laid out in that Committee's report dated February 19, 1965, and that the sum of \$35,000.00 be appropriated out of general revenues for the Centennial project each year to and including the year 1967.

Your Committee would also recommend the appointment of Councillor Herd to the membership of the Centennial Committee as Council representative.

(3) Seventh Day Adventist Church School - Gilpin Street (Lots 28 and 29, D.L. 83, Plan 1267.

The stipulations made in regard to an application for use of these lots for a private school, pursuant to Section 13 of the Town Planning By-law, were reviewed. A request was made by the Seventh Day Adventist Church for reconsideration of the stipulations, which included the dedication and construction of a 66 foot road on the east or west side of the school site. The legal right of the Council to impose this condition on consolidation (as opposed to subdivision) of a property, was questioned by the Church.

Under the Subdivision Control By-law, consolidation and subdivision of lands, are synonymous, insofar as approval by the Approving Officer is concerned, and servicing requirements are imposed under the By-law.

In the subject case, the future plan for the row of large lots on the south side of Gilpin Street, east of Royal Oak Avenue, includes the development of a road bisecting the lots. The introduction of a private school site (and a second similar site to the east) will disturb this plan. Ordinarily the owners of all these lots would be

required to dedicate and construct the "bisecting" road on subdivision. The bisecting road will now not be dedicated from the Church school property, but in lieu thereof an outlet from the bisecting road will be required along the flankage of their property. If the Seventh Day Adventist School dedicated only thirty-three feet on the flankage of their land, the adjoining property would unjustly be required to dedicate and construct the remaining thirty-three feet, in addition to sixty-six feet for the "bisecting" road.

Furthermore, it is considered that the traffic generated by the school at certain times of the day - morning, school closing and possibly evening, dictates the need for a sixty-six foot road mainly for purposes of the school.

It is deemed therefore that the stipulations laid down previously should be adhered to, and your Committee would recommend that the action taken accordingly by the Council on November 9th, 1964, be reaffirmed.

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