## THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

JUNE 15, 1970

MR. H. W. BALFOUR MUNICIPAL MANAGER

Dear Sir:

- Re: (1) Lot 230, Block 13, D.L. 131, Plan 33619 6650 Halifax Street SUBDIVISION REFERENCE #30/69
  - (2) Petition concerning 6650 Halifax Street

Before the above referenced subdivision was given final approval the owner, Mr. Olljum, was reminded of the requirement to remove the existing dwelling. In confirmation of his responsibility Mr. Olljum took out Removal Permit #B25166 on November 4, 1969.

Final Approval was then granted, November 6, 1969, on the understanding that Mr. Olljum would be demolishing the house within the three month limit of the permit and would be proceeding with construction of two new dwellings. However, the old house has been occupied on a rental basis for part of the time since approval of the subdivision was granted but is now understood to be vacant.

Numerous complaints about the condition of the property have been received over the past several weeks and as a result we have contacted Mr. Olljum on more than one occasion. He accepts the responsibility but pleads that delays in his construction business due to strikes have prevented him from dealing with the removal of the old house and the clearing of the property for new development.

A field check has been made by a member of our staff who reports that the condition of the house and grounds is poor supporting the complaints of the neighbours.

A further check with Mrs. Olljum by telephone on June 12, 1970 confirms Mr. Olljum's intention of demolishing the house and preparing the site for the construction of two new dwellings. He had recently attempted to sell the property to another contractor for development but this proved unsuccessful.

The Engineering Department's records indicate that the house is connected to the sanitary sewer so there is no septic tank problem. Further, the Sanitation Department reports verbally that the condition of the property does not warrant action under the Unsightly Premises Bylaw 5533.

It remains that the removal of the house as a condition of subdivision is recognized by Mr. Olljum and that his stated intention is to comply with the requirement when circumstances permit.

We would, therefore, recommend that, if possible, steps be taken to prevent further rental of the property in its present condition and that the owner be required to take out a new Removal Permit and deposit a bond to ensure demolition.

Respectfully submitted,

A.L. Parr Planning Director

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Manager's Report

