

2. Re: Shop Closing Regulations - Sporting Goods Stores
Comor Supplies Limited.

Appearing on the Agenda for the November 1, 1971, Council Meeting is a communication dated October 21, 1971, from Comor Supplies Limited requesting exemption from Closing Regulations as defined in the "Burnaby Shop Closing" bylaw.

We would point out at this stage that Section 861 of the Municipal Act gives Council the power, by bylaw, to exempt any class or classes of shops from closing regulations. Therefore, it would be possible to exempt the class of "Sporting Goods Stores" if Council wished to do so.

We would further point out that Surrey, New Westminster, Richmond and Coquitlam (1 year's trial), have no closing regulation bylaws. All the rest of the lower mainland Municipalities including Vancouver have a regulatory bylaw and none of them exempt "Sporting Goods Shops".

The Burnaby bylaw does exempt "camp supply stores" and since the Comor Supplies Limited will be selling camp supplies as part of their business, the Chief License Inspector has no objection to "Sporting Goods Stores" being exempt, but Council may wish that the request for amendment to the bylaw come from all stores in this business as a group, rather than from one individual shop. If such is the case, then the Chamber of Commerce could be asked to review the matter or even poll the stores concerned.