

18. Re: Keeping of Racing Pigeons
7763 Coquitlam St., L. G. Finch.
Item No. 31, Mgr's. Report No. 45, Council Meeting July 12, 1971

At its meeting of July 12, 1971, Council considered a request from Mr. Finch that he be allowed to keep racing pigeons.

The Manager filed report Item No. 31, in which he recommended that the regulation not be changed to permit the keeping of pigeons in residential districts.

Before acting on the matter, Council asked for a report from:

- (a) the Municipal Solicitor as to whether there is any prohibition in the zoning bylaw regarding the keeping of pigeons in residentially-zoned areas;
- (b) the Chief Public Health Inspector on the sanitary aspects pertaining to the keeping of pigeons.

The Solicitor reports as follows:

"The keeping of pigeons is not one of the uses permitted in a residential zone. The keeping of pigeons does not come within the definition of a Home Occupation."

The Medical Health Officer advises that:

"The keeping of pigeons within this Municipality has been a source of complaints and counter-complaints to this Department over the years. The majority of these complaints have been related to noise, odour, flies, excrement on roofs, patios, stairs and window sills, and some instances of suspected mite infestation.

There are certain diseases which could be transmitted to man from pigeons, one of which could be psittacosis.

It is our opinion that the keeping of pigeons within this Municipality should be confined to the A1 and A2 zones."

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the regulation not be changed to permit the keeping of pigeons in residential districts