

24. Re: Paint-up, Clean-up Week (Littercheck)
Item No. 6, Report No. 78, Meeting December 6, 1971)

Following is a report from the Municipal Engineer regarding Burnaby's role in a proposed Provincial Environmental Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Engineer's recommendations be adopted.

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The Engineering Department in September, 1971, began a study to determine the availability of a press for compacting or compressing the bodies of disposable cars. The Engineering Department in a detailed report to Council on 6 December, 1971, recommended that the study be continued with a view to establishing a formal service sometime during the Spring of 1972, possibly in conjunction with a general desire on the part of citizens to clean up properties at that time of the year.

Mr. Kaller of my staff has had several conversations with the Department of Recreation and Conservation, Messrs. Buckley and Heatherington, and it has been disclosed that there is a minimal likelihood that Burnaby action on derelict vehicles would receive any help from the Department of Recreation and Conservation. It is reasonable to expect that a rounding up of derelict automobiles would produce no more than 10 to 20 car bodies. The Provincial Government's crew engaged on the project consists of 5 men, a crusher, a fork-lift, and a general purpose truck. At this time, two such units operate in the Province and there is a large program ahead of them with batches upward of 150 cars; in order to keep the operation as economical as possible, the Provincial Government's activities in this field are so programmed as to handle the largest batches with a minimum of travelling from site to site. It was, therefore, the conclusion of the Department of Recreation and Conservation that they could promise to look after Burnaby's needs only if and when one of their crews would be working in the vicinity of Burnaby; at this time, the program of their activities is centered outside of the Lower Mainland where large batches of derelict vehicles have to be processed.

In view of the above, Mr. Kaller of my staff had been requested to work with the Purchasing Agent in order to explore other possibilities of cost-free disposal of derelict automobiles, if Burnaby were to advertise such a service in conjunction with a possible "paint-up, clean-up" week.

We are now able to advise that between 1 May and 7 May, 1972, both dates inclusive, the Provincial Government is sponsoring a LITTERCHECK week throughout the whole Province. Service clubs, large companies, and municipalities will be asked to collaborate with the government in order to make the task of combatting litter a lasting success. The campaign will be directed by Mr. Alec. Van Wein of Outdoors Unlittered and service clubs will be requested to undertake clean-up projects of their own choice and co-ordinate them with the particular municipality involved, and in turn it is expected that the municipalities will extend assistance and contribution to the campaign in the form of additional refuse removal where necessary.

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Owners of Trucks and Vans throughout B.C. will be requested to display two 1 ft. square wide signs which will bear on them diagonally the word LITTERCHECK. This word and symbol will probably be used eventually in all provinces throughout Canada and several other provinces have already acceded to the desire for uniformity. It is anticipated that 24 April, 1972, will be the date on which trucks and vans will commence displaying that symbol.

It is recommended:

1. That a senior official of the Department (I suggest Mr. G.C. Mullis) be assigned the task of working with service clubs and other interested bodies and to co-ordinate with those efforts, Burnaby's contribution in the form of adequate refuse collection service.
2. That Burnaby procure the necessary number of capitalized LITTERCHECK signs for all appropriate vans and trucks. The cost of this purchase is estimated to be extremely minimal as we will receive free decals.
3. That a "paint-up, clean-up" week be proclaimed in Burnaby to extend from 1 May to 7 May, 1972, both dates inclusive.
4. That Burnaby offer free collection of all oversize waste objects (in addition to our normal practice of taking everything else from any single family or duplex property in the Municipality.)
5. That abandoned vehicles on public road allowances and parks be retrieved and disposed of (to the best of our knowledge there are only 4 such vehicles).
6. That owners of derelict vehicles located on private property throughout Burnaby be encouraged to report the existence of such a vehicle to the Purchasing Department with a request to have it taken away to the scrap metal dealers by one of two auto towing companies who have agreed to do this work for the Corporation. The nominal price of \$10.00 would be paid to the towing company by the owner of such a derelict vehicle, and transfer of ownership of such vehicles would go to the Corporation permitting a legal means of scrapping the vehicle.
7. That the Corporation's own physical plant be given special attention to fit in with private endeavours.


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