

ITEM 4

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 76

COUNCIL MEETING Nov. 20/72

4. Re: Letter from Mr. H. Ferguson Dated October 26, 1972
Distribution of Fire Prevention Information to the
Public through Vendors of Christmas Trees

Appearing on the Agenda for the November 20, 1972 meeting of Council is a request from Mr. H. Ferguson, President of the Burnaby Safety Council, to have vendors of Christmas trees distribute "For a Fire-Free Christmas" cards to the public.

The Chief Licence Inspector will co-operate fully with the Safety Council in the distribution of the cards. The Safety Council should accordingly contact the Inspector at its earliest convenience in order that arrangements can be made for the Licence Department to give all applicants for Christmas Tree Sales Licences a sufficient number of cards, together with instruction that a card is to be given to each purchaser of a tree.

It should be noted that Garden and Nursery Shops are not required to have a special licence to sell Christmas trees. The Licence Department will gladly furnish the Safety Council with the names and locations of such shops. The Society could then distribute the cards to these vendors who are not obligated to acquire licences for the seasonal sale of trees to the public.

The Chief Licence Inspector believes that vendors cannot be required, as a condition for a licence, to give a card to each purchaser of a tree. However, he agrees with the Chief of the Fire Department and the Superintendent of the Burnaby Detachment of the R.C.M.P. who are of the opinion that "most Christmas tree vendors would quite voluntarily hand out a tag with each tree".

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Mr. H. Ferguson of the Burnaby Safety Council contact the Chief Licence Inspector who will co-operate with the distribution of cards in the manner described in this report.