

10. Re: Letter dated June 14, 1972 -
 Mrs. E. Ross, 7980 Hunter Street
 Inter City Trucking and Boating Regulations on
 Burnaby Lake

In a letter dated June 14, 1972, Mrs. E. Ross of 7980 Hunter Street asked for information concerning the status of the proposed relocation of Inter-City Express Limited and on the regulations governing the use of motor-boats on Burnaby Lake.

A. Inter-City Express Limited last year expressed the desire to relocate its operations from its existing site at 7976 Winston Street following the rezoning of the area to the new M5 (Light Industrial) District category.

In order to facilitate this relocation, the Council on December 6, 1971, approved an exchange of land between the Municipality and the trucking firm. This involved the exchange of a 3.2 acre parcel of Municipally owned land in the Central Valley Area for the existing Inter-City Express site. Steps were then taken to rezone the Municipally owned properties to the M6 (Truck Terminal) District category (R.Z. #84/71) to provide a conforming location for trucking operations.

However, Inter-City Express subsequently indicated that it planned to locate elsewhere, but wished to take possession of the Municipal properties under the existing M2 Zoning and sell them as an industrial site. As a result of this knowledge, Council approved the abandoning of the proposed rezoning by-law on June 26, 1972.

With regard to the existing Inter-City Express site, an agreement with the Municipality makes provision for occupancy to terminate six months after the conveyance of the Corporation parcel to this firm.

B. The Burnaby Zoning By-law contains regulations governing the use of lakes in the Municipality for motor boats and aircraft. These are spelled out under Section 503.2 (Conditions of Use) in the P3 (Park and Public Use) District, as follows:

"The operation of power boats and aircraft shall not be permitted, except for the following:

- (a) Employees of any public utility or government, while carrying out their official duties.
- (b) Persons holding written permission from the Corporation. Such permits shall state the purpose of the operation, the period involved, and the conditions under which the operation is covered."

As noted above, the By-law prohibits the use of motor boats on Burnaby's two lakes except where the specific use has been authorized in writing by the Municipality or where the use involves an agency of government engaged in its proper functions. The enforcement of this section of the by-law is of course difficult and undoubtedly there have been instances of unauthorized use of motor boats on the lakes. When such instances are observed, the operators are advised of the law and if necessary the police are called. Enforcement is reasonably good on Deer Lake during the summer when aquatic staff is on duty in the park and patrolling the lake. On Burnaby Lake enforcement is virtually

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non-existent. The only authorized private motor boat activity on Burnaby Lake involves the use of two small motor boats powered by motors of under 10 h.p. authorized only for the purpose of coaching rowers in training for racing competition.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT a copy of this report item be sent to Mrs. Ross.