

12. Re: Letter dated August 2, 1973, From Mr. John C. Lee,  
3744 Pandora Street  
Vandalism

Appearing on the Agenda for the August 20, 1973 meeting of Council is a letter dated August 2, 1973, from Mr. John C. Lee, 3744 Pandora Street, relating to vandalism of the home and other personal property at 3744 Pandora Street, and enquiring as to the steps that are being taken in the area to curtail vandalism.

With regard to Mr. Lee's enquiries as to the extent of Police action required to prevent vandalism, the Officer In Charge, Burnaby Detachment, R.C.M.P. reports as follows:

"This letter is in response to an inter-office communication dated August 8, 1973 from the Deputy Municipal Clerk, together with a letter of concern from Mr. John C. Lee dated August 2, 1973 to His Worship, the Mayor.

The premises involved are located at 3744 Pandora Avenue and have been burglarized on two occasions. First, during the night of May 1/2, 1973, someone forcibly entered Mr. Lee's garage while he was home, jacked up his vehicle, and stole his wheels and tires. On the second occasion, July 25/29, 1973 while he was away from his home for the weekend, someone broke a rear window and ransacked his home and stole \$20.00 in silver.

This home is actually not in a high-crime area. However, the house is situated in an area with the rear of the building completely surrounded by trees and shrubbery. These trees and shrubbery provide excellent cover for anyone considering breaking into the dwelling.

The methods of attack in both instances are indicative of juvenile involvement, and our investigators have two youths suspected although they are unable to prove this at this time.

The intensity of our patrols in marked cars in this area is in direct relation to the occurrences reported. These are an effort to prevent burglaries by the police presence. In addition, a plain clothes detail collects information and conducts follow-up investigations when offences occur.

As a result of this complaint, we have now discussed our methods of policing with Mr. Lee and his family. He has already taken excellent precautions to discourage further burglaries and has a better appreciation of our efforts.

Our uniform members intend to step up prevention patrols in that area, and our plain clothes investigators are hopeful of being able to apprehend those responsible for these burglaries or at least catch the culprit(s) committing other offences.

When the overall situation was discussed with Mr. Lee and his family, he appeared somewhat relieved and indicated he intended to write Council modifying the tone of his previous letter to His Worship, the Mayor."

In his letter of August 2, 1973, Mr. Lee also enquires as to whether or not street and lane lighting can be improved, particularly that provided for lanes. The Municipal Engineer advises that the present standard of lighting for the 3700 block Pandora consists of two 300 W. mercury vapour lease lights on B.C. Hydro poles, with one light located at Boundary and Pandora and the second at Esmond and Pandora (see attached sketch).

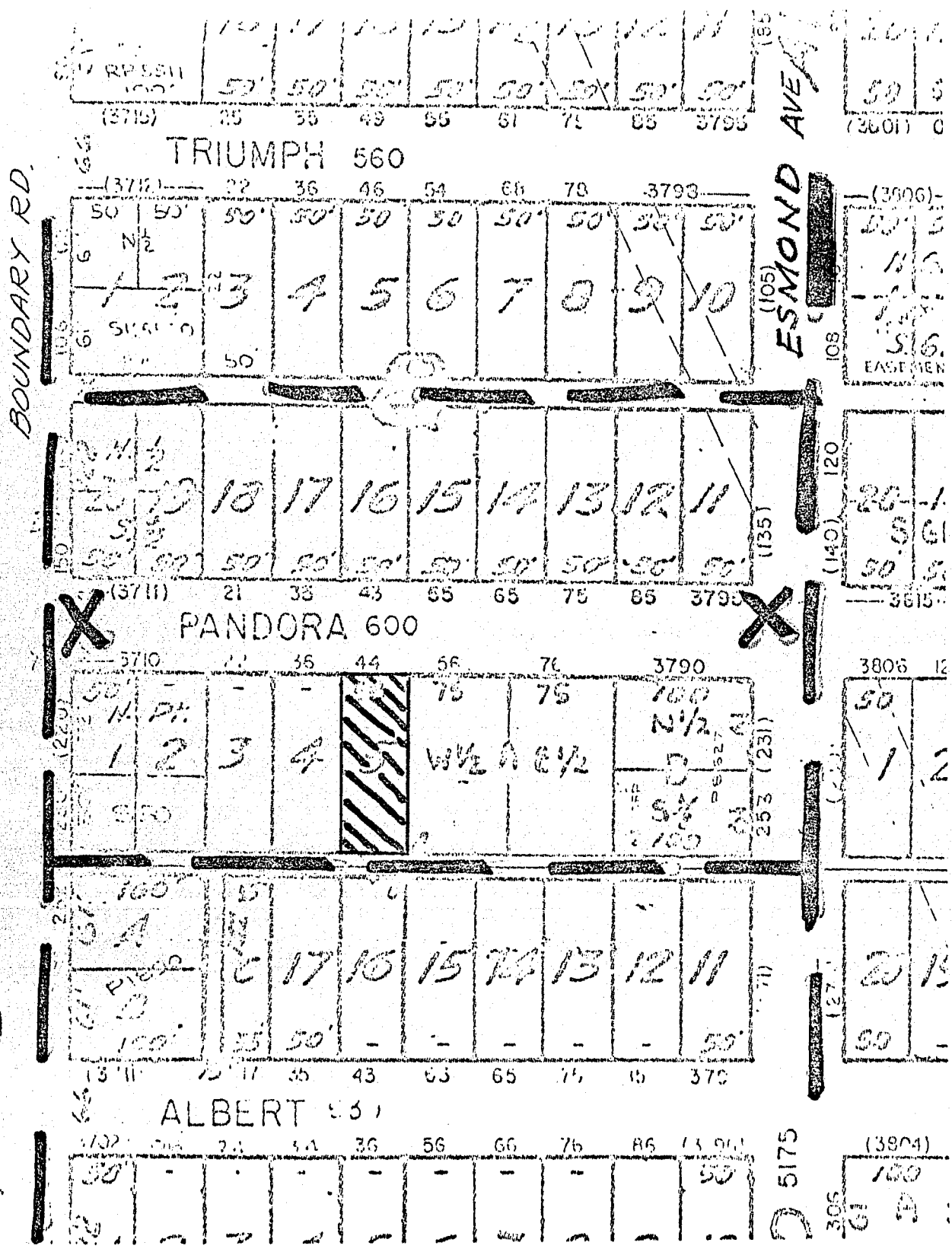
The Municipal Engineer also advises that no additional lighting is possible at this time as all Hydro poles in the immediate area are situated in the lanes. The Engineer does not recommend installing lighting in lanes as it would set a precedent for such installations throughout the Municipality. The Engineer is also of the opinion that because of the typical backyard development of garages and trees, very little light would reach the homes where, presumably, Mr. Lee wishes lighting.

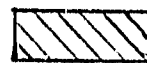


With regard to installation of ornamental street lighting on Pandora Street, the Engineer advises that a program for such is not scheduled for 1973.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT a copy of this report be provided to Mr. John C. Lee.

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 MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 62  
 COUNCIL MEETING Aug. 20/73



-  3744 Pandora Street (Lee).
-  BC Hydro Pole Line.
-  Mercury Vapor Lights.