

11. Re: Letter dated August 23, 1973 from Mr. R.L. Marcoux, Vice President, McDonald's Restaurants of Western Canada Ltd., 8467 Lougheed Highway, Burnaby.
McDonald's Store, Hastings Street and Alpha Avenue (4565 and 4571 Pender Street)
Complaint regarding loitering and other matters.

Appearing on the agenda for the September 4, 1973 meeting of Council is a letter from Mr. R. L. Marcoux alleging loitering, littering, vandalism, and acts of intimidation by the younger element at McDonald's Store at Hastings Street and Alpha Avenue. With his letter of August 23, 1973 to Council, Mr. Marcoux states that reports have been made to the Police on many occasions and adds "...constructive measures have not been taken to combat some of these problems".

The following is the report dated August 30, 1973 from the Officer in Charge, R.C.M.P., Burnaby Detachment, regarding this matter:

"The area referred to at McDonald's Alpha and Hastings store has been one of our trouble spots, and it gets the benefit of the majority of our preventive patrols.

This is where a large number of teenagers with vehicles meet during the evenings. These vehicles come and go with the occupants loitering about until 1:00 or 2:00 a.m., peaking on Fridays and Saturdays. Occasionally there is drinking and squealing of tires. Some of these teenagers appear to harbour a grudge against the management of McDonald's, and some vandalism has occurred. Rocks or beer bottles have been thrown through their sign, and there are several complaints on record which would substantiate Mr. Marcoux' other allegations.

Violators are prosecuted when evidence is available under the Government Liquor Act, the Motor Vehicle Act and Criminal Code. There is no effective law prohibiting loitering around public areas.

There are several other large establishments in that area that are similar to McDonald's; however, they are not experiencing these difficulties. A better rapport between the management of this place and the locals may improve conditions, but that may not be possible.

In the future, we will continue to investigate all their complaints and keep up our preventive patrols."

With his letter of August 23, 1973 to Council, Mr. Marcoux also states that, "At the last Municipal Council meeting we were turned down in our application to extend our parking lot at our Alpha and Hastings store". For information of Council, Mr. Marcoux is referring to Rezoning Reference 17/73, Lots 22 and 23, Block 9, D.L. 122, Plan 1308 (4565 and 4571 East Pender Street) which was the subject of Item 2, Manager's Report No. 51, referred to Council on July 9, 1973. Council, on July 9, 1973, approved the recommendation that the application to rezone the properties noted above from Residential District (R5) to Parking District (P8) receive further consideration. Subsequent to a Public Hearing on August 7, 1973, Council abandoned the By-law in question on August 13, 1973.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT a copy of this report be provided to Mr. R. L. Marcoux.