

2. Re: Alarm System for the Burnaby Art Gallery

Mrs. Sheila Kincaid, Director of the Burnaby Art Gallery, in a letter dated January 10, 1974 to the Parks and Recreation Commission, advises as follows:

"We have been in discussion with Mr. Frank Mehling of the Municipal Building Department, regarding a new security system for the building in which this gallery is situated. We understand you are now informed as to the cost of a new system, and have this expenditure under advisement.

A new security system for this building is of the utmost necessity. The present one is constantly breaking down, and causing us and others great inconvenience and annoyance. The R.C.M.P. and Parks Patrol personnel have laid many complaints with us and with the Municipality because of the number of false alarms they have answered when the present security system has failed.

Because it is imperative we have good security at all times, we request your indulgence in promptly approving the expenditure to install a new system, and would very much appreciate hearing of your approval and near future date for this installation."

Mr. Mehling, Deputy Chief Building Inspector, on January 29, 1974 submitted the following report to the Parks and Recreation Administrator:

"Apparently the existing security system with its taped glass and electrical contacts has deteriorated to the point where it could no longer be maintained effectively, often could not be set in an alert condition, and was the cause of numerous false alarms.

In November, 1973, the Purchasing Department obtained bids from five firms for the replacement of the present system as follows:

(1) General Alarms Limited

Ultrasonic protection in the basement work area, all galleries on the main and upper floors and the halls of the main and upper floors. \$510 for installation of equipment and \$45 per month for rental, routine maintenance and 24-hour monitoring service.

(2) Central Alarms Limited

Nine motion units and 27 door contacts. \$1,567.25 for installation and \$37.20 per month for rental, routine maintenance and 24-hour monitoring service.

(3) Standguard Electronic Systems Limited

Advisor 'V' ultrasonic space protection in six areas. Infra red motion detector units in main hall and stairway, 100-foot radar units in main, second gallery and second floor gallery, and magnetic door contacts at washrooms, store room and administration office. \$1,000 for installation, plus \$94 per month rental, plus \$25 per month for 24-hour monitoring service.

(4) Chubb-Mosler and Taylor Alarms Limited

720 C.S. Mark II Vandal Alarm System including 12 door contacts, 26 transducers and 2 ultrasonic control sets. \$1,894 for installation, plus \$100.33 per month for rental, routine maintenance and 24-hour monitoring service.

(5) B.C. District Telegraph Company Limited

Seventeen door and window contacts, 11 ultrasonic transducers and 3 control sets. \$3,840 plus \$117 per month for rental, routine service and 24-hour monitoring service.

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As a result of these bids, and a visit from the R.C.M.P. in the interim requesting repair or replacement of the present system because of the numerous false alarms initiated by it, it was thought advisable to allocate sufficient money for this work in the 1974 budget. An item, 'Replace existing alarm system, \$1,000', was inserted in the 'alterations and minor improvements,' part of the provisional budget for the Art Gallery.

If you are in agreement with the Art Gallery Director's comments regarding the need for good security, we would suggest that the low bid submitted by General Alarms Limited be accepted since the work of this firm has proven acceptable in other installations."

The existing alarm system was installed in 1969 by the Burnaby Art Gallery. Municipal funds were not expended on this comparatively new system which appears to be very unsatisfactory.

The 1974 Provisional Budget contains an allowance of \$2,000 for Art Gallery Building Maintenance. The details supplied by the Building Department show that this includes replacement of the existing alarm system.

Because the 1974 Annual Budget is not yet prepared and approved by Municipal Council, it is necessary to obtain Council's permission to make this expenditure.

The Parks and Recreation Commission on February 6, 1974 passed a motion requesting

"Council's approval of the necessary expenditure for installation of a new alarm system in accordance with the low bid submitted by General Alarms Limited."

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the proposal to install a new security alarm system in the Burnaby Art Gallery be approved; and

THAT the low bid from General Alarms Limited in the amount of \$510 for installation and \$45 per month for rental, routine maintenance and 24-hour monitoring service be accepted.