

ITEM 8

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 55

COUNCIL MEETING Aug. 19/74

Re: Stride Avenue Refuse Dump
(Item 18, Report No. 18, March 13, 1972)

Following is a report which is intended to bring Council up to date on the closure of the Stride Avenue Refuse Dump, and more specifically, on the results of the new policy under which almost all refuse is picked up from residences throughout the Municipality.

On March 13, 1972, Council adopted the following recommendations:

1. Cease refuse disposal operations at the Stride Avenue disposal area, with the time of cessation to be concurrent with the delivery of new refuse packer trucks.
 - * 2. Extend the existing policy of picking up virtually all refuse from homeowners' residences by regular route collection trucks except bulk items such as landscape and demolition material.
 3. Invite tenders for the supply of five refuse disposal route collection trucks, three of which are to be used to effect the extension of the collection policy as noted above, and the other two trucks to be used as replacements for existing vehicles.
 4. Provide adequate publicity to the changes in service which will result from implementation of items 1, 2 and 3.
- * This recommendation did not materially affect the Municipality's policy under which the Engineering Department already picked up virtually everything set out for regular collection; it simply served to officially extend the policy to include the collection of that refuse which residents from Burnaby were at that time bringing to the dump site.

A current status on the collection of refuse from residences in Burnaby is contained in the following report from the Municipal Engineer:

"Stride Avenue refuse disposal area was closed to the public on August 1, 1973.

At the same time, we adopted a policy of picking up all refuse from residences throughout the Municipality, except for large, unwieldy items and quantities of material from demolition, new construction, major renovations and landscaping projects.

The operation appears to be working exceptionally well and has certainly been very well received by taxpayers generally.

Our estimate of three extra trucks required to pick up the additional refuse has proven out. At the present time, except for the week following a holiday, we are able to make special pick-ups within a day of a request. This does not apply to pick-up of stones or rocks for which we have to use a dump truck and loader from the Roads Division which requires more time to organize into the regular routine.

The problem of refuse dumped indiscriminately along roads into ravines etc. seems to be less than it was prior to implementing the new policy.

We have established an extra work order number, to be closed out to the garbage collection work order, in order to ascertain the actual cost of special pick-ups. From January 1 to August 4, 1974, we have spent \$87,298 on special pick-ups. (This service is provided to residents free of charge.)"

Staff at this time is preparing a comprehensive study on the entire policy of Municipal refuse collection services including the extension of such services to strata title developments. It is anticipated that this report will be referred to Council for consideration in the latter part of September.

This is for the information of Council.