ITEM 23

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 61

COUNCIL MEETING Sept. 23/74

Re: Letter dated September 11, 1974 from Mr. Dale Lawrence 4005 Rumble Street, Burnaby Speeding and Vehicular Noise on Rumble Street

Appearing on the Agenda for the September 23, 1974 meeting of Council is a letter from Mr. Dale Lawrence regarding vehicular problems on Rumble Street. The Superintendent, Officer in Charge, Burnaby Detachment, R.C.M.P., and the Chief Public Health Inspector have reviewed the matter and advise as follows:

A. R.C.M.P.

"A copy of Mr. Dale Lawrence's letter dated September 11, 1974 concerning disregard for the speed limit on Rumble Street and flouting of the Anti-Noise Bylaw by motorists has been forwarded to me for report. Rumble Street is one of those on which vehicles have a tendency to exceed the speed limit, and it is frequently patrolled by both marked and unmarked police cars.

Radar has been used on many occasions; and in September, prior to the receipt of this letter, it was in operation on the 3rd, 14th and 15th. It was in operation for several hours at a time and worked by three policemen. Several violators were ticketed for travelling at speeds ranging from 40 to 56 miles per hour. On these same patrols and radar checks, members also enforced the provisions of Section 7A.01 of the M.V.A. Regulations pertaining to noise. The question of Mr. Lawrence's, 'Why have someone handing out tickets for parking offences when moving violations, vastly far more dangerous and discomforting to residents, are permitted?' can easily be refuted by the following traffic enforcement statistics for Burnaby during the period January 1st to August 31st in successive years:

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The suggestions put forth by Mr. Lawrence as to methods of detecting violators of the 30 miles an hour speed limit already are being practised, although high speed chases in unmarked police cars are discouraged. Our efforts in respect to curbing violations on Rumble Street will be stepped up following this complaint."

B. Health Department

"In reply to the letter as forwarded by Mr. Dale Lawrence, 4005 Rumble Street, Burnaby, relating to the above-noted, we would advise that this Department has discussed the subject of vehicular noise with R.C.M.P. authorities.

It is our intention, in conjunction with the R.C.M.P. and the Engineering Department, to carry out a vehicular noise enforcement programme on Rumble Street. This programme will be carried out as soon as possible, but we would advise that such enforcement programmes are complex as night or early morning hours, weather conditions and the manpower and equipment of three Departments are involved."

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. Dale Lawrence.