

ITEM 16

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 41

COUNCIL MEETING May 27/74

Re: Letters Dated April 28 and 29, 1974 from  
Mr. & Mrs. David Dollman, 6490 Portland Street  
(a) Emissions of Noise from Motorcycles in the  
Stride Avenue Area.  
(b) Proposed Ban on Smoking in Grocery Stores

Appearing on the Agenda for the May 23, 1974 meeting of Council is a letter from Mr. & Mrs. David Dollman regarding emissions of noise from motorcycles and smoking in grocery stores.

The attached report from the Municipal Engineer which concerns the use of the Stride Avenue Disposal Area by motorcyclists, will serve to answer one of Mrs. Dollman's inquiries, and also, Alderman Lawson's inquiry at the April 29 meeting of Council as to whether there is a proposal to officially establish a facility in the disposal area for the operation of motorcycles.

The Chief Public Health Inspector advises that his Department has been engaged in ascertaining the emission of noise from motorcycles in the subject area for the past two months. Readings have been taken and analyzed and a report is being prepared for submission to Council on June 10. The report will show that the motorcycle use of the disposal area constitutes a nuisance with respect to persons who reside in nearby residential areas.

The report on June 10 will include recommendations regarding the measures that should be taken to prevent motorcyclists from using the disposal area.

For the information of Council, the G.V.R.D. Board on a split vote in March approved a request from Vancouver that the G.V.R.D. Planning Department prepare a report on whether there are any appropriate sites for motorcycle activity in the region. Vancouver City Council had passed a motion that the G.V.R.D. give "urgent priority" to developing a site or sites suitable for motorcycle activity within the next two years. A number of G.V.R.D. Board Members unsuccessfully argued that the matter was a municipal, not regional, responsibility. The matter had been referred to the G.V.R.D. because a number of residents had complained about disturbances caused by motorcyclists using the old Kerr Road dump site.

A sketch showing the boundaries of the disposal area will be mailed to the Dollmans with a copy of this report.

The matter regarding Mrs. Dollman's proposal that smoking be banned in grocery stores is being considered by staff. A report on this proposal will be submitted to Council in about four or five weeks.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the Corporation not designate the Stride Avenue area as a permitted area for the use and operation of motorcycles; and

THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to Mr. & Mrs. David Dollman, 6490 Portland Street, Burnaby V5E 1A2; and

THAT Mr. & Mrs. Dollman be advised that Council will receive a further report on motorcycles in the Stride Avenue area on June 10, and a report on the proposal to ban smoking in grocery stores in about four or five weeks.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

MAY 24, 1974

FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

RE: STRIDE AVENUE DISPOSAL AREA (MOTORCYCLISTS).

The purpose of this report is twofold, namely to answer a query raised by Alderman Lawson at the Council meeting of 29 April, 1974 and to reply to a letter received from Mr. and Mrs. David Dollman on 8 May, 1974. Both of these matters have to do with the use of Stride Avenue area by motorcyclists.

At the Council meeting of 3 December, 1973 (Item 8, Manager's Report 90) we submitted a report (copy attached) pointing out that "No Trespassing" signs had been erected along Stride Avenue and that the matter of trespassing was a matter of enforcement which we were prepared to review from time to time. The original signs which had been erected had since been removed by vandals or persons unknown and they have been re-erected quite recently. The R.C.M.P. has reported that they have limited control over the operation of motorcycles on private property because there is no necessity to have the vehicles licenced while operating on private property; a copy of a report dated 7 May, 1974 received from the Officer-in-Charge, Burnaby Detachment is attached.

No application has been received from any individual or group for the use of the Stride Avenue area for motorcycling purposes. Furthermore it is our opinion that the area is not at all suitable for accommodation of such a function inasmuch as municipal activity in the area, primarily filling operations, cause changes in the topography from day to day and it is quite conceivable that dangerous conditions could be created without even realizing it. It is expected that municipal activity in this area will continue for some time to come on both sides of Stride Avenue.

The City of Vancouver has designated the creation of a buffer zone between the existing homes and the old Kerr Road dump site as a park area; the Parks Board has fenced the area off with a chain link fence and has signed a prohibition to the use of the area by motorcycles. The depth of the buffer is approximately 500 feet. On the remainder of the old Kerr Road dump between the buffer area and Marine Drive and between Kerr Road and Boundary Road motorcyclists are making use of the area in much the same way as they are doing in Stride Avenue, that is, the area has not been signed and has not been designated as a permitted area for the use and operation of motorcycles.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the Corporation not designate the Stride Avenue area as a permitted area for the use and operation of motorcycles, and,

THAT no action be taken other than posting the area to indicate the existence of private property, and,

THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to Mr. and Mrs. David Dollman, 6490 Portland Street, Burnaby V5E 1A2.

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MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

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Attchs.

cc: ( ) Municipal Clerk  
( ) R.C.M.P.  
( ) Chief Public Health Inspector

ITEM 8

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 90

COUNCIL MEETING Dec. 3/73

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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 41

COUNCIL MEETING May 27/74

November 23, 1973.

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

RE: STRIDE AVENUE DISPOSAL AREA  
(Letter from Mrs. Gerd. Evans)

Mrs. Evans' letter concerns three distinctly separate subjects. Each will be dealt with in the order they appear in Mrs. Evans' letter:

1. The Engineering Department is committed to do rough grading work in the former disposal area but this work should not be carried out in the absence of a "Landscaping Plan" inasmuch as finished design elevations should be known so that grading work will not be wasted. The Engineering Department is prepared to carry out the rough grading work as soon as a plan is available.
2. "No Trespassing" signs have been erected along Stride Avenue to advise trespassers, including operators of mini-bikes, that the property on both sides of Stride Avenue is Corporation property and trespass thereon is not permitted. Beyond posting of the signs, it is a matter of enforcement which we are prepared to review from time to time.
3. Direction has been issued to the General Superintendent to install a low asphalt curb along the side of the pavement on Mrs. Evans' side of the street to prevent water from running off the street and onto private properties; this work will be carried out in the near future, weather permitting.

This is for the information of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Mrs. Gerd. Evans, 6541 - 12th Avenue, Burnaby 3, B.C., be provided with a copy of this report item.

*E.E. Olson*

E.E. OLSON  
MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

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c.c. ( ) Planning Director  
( ) O.I.C. Burnaby Detachment, R.C.M.P.

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police,  
Burnaby Detachment,  
6355 Gilpin Street,  
Burnaby, B.C.,  
V5G 2J2,  
May 7, 1974.

YOUR NO. 1745  
NOTRE N°

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NOTRE N°

The Municipal Manager,  
Corporation of the District of Burnaby,  
4949 Canada Way,  
Burnaby, B.C., V5G 1M2.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S  
OFFICE

Dear Sir:

Re: Stride Dump

Reference the Deputy Municipal Clerk's inter-office communication of May 1, 1974 concerning an enquiry from Alderman Lawson about motorcycle riding in the Stride Dump area, the N.C.O. in Charge our Traffic Section advises that the number of complaints with regard to the operation of motorcycles in the Municipality appears to be on the increase.

During 1973, we received approximately 84 complaints and so far this year, we received 33, mostly in relation to the operation of minibikes and the noise they make, improper equipment, unlicensed drivers, etc. The great majority relate to the operation of motorcycles in the Burnaby Mountain area where the noise created by these machines disturbs the residents of Burnaby, Coquitlam and Port Moody.

It has come to our attention that minibike operators in South Burnaby are using the gravel pit area near the foot of Stride Avenue, especially on weekends. On the 15th April 1974, a young boy suffered a broken leg at this location whilst operating a minibike. The Municipal Solicitor advised in 1971 that minibikes are considered motor vehicles under the Motor Vehicle Act and must comply with all the provisions thereof when operated on a highway; however, this is not necessary on private property. Under these circumstances, we have limited control over the operation of them on either Burnaby Mountain or Stride Dump.

A check with the Vancouver Police Department showed there is no established motorcycle or minibike facility available. We understand that the Burnaby School Board Youth Officer is considering a proposal to the Burnaby Safety Council for the establishment of a minibike facility in Burnaby.

Yours truly,

(W.G. Lambert) Supt.  
Officer in Charge Burnaby Detachment