

ITEM 9

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 72

COUNCIL MEETING Nov. 4/74

Re: Dwelling at 6478 Laurel Street
(Item 2, Report No. 65, October 7, 1974)

Council on October 7, 1974 authorized the demolition of a two room, wooden frame dwelling at 6478 Laurel Street. The dwelling, which was acquired by the Municipality in 1943 as the result of a tax sale, became vacant upon the death of the elderly occupant earlier this year.

The Executive Director of Heritage Village has expressed an interest in preserving the subject dwelling for historical purposes, i.e. it represents a common type of dwelling that existed in the lower mainland during the early part of this century. Its relatively small size would allow it to be placed in the Village's existing display area where it would serve to compliment the 1890 log cabin, the 1920 country home and other structures of an earlier period. The house also contains some artifacts that are considered to be of some value.

Two tenders were received for demolition of the building; one was for \$515 and the other for \$600. Since demolition would not be required if the dwelling were moved to the Heritage Village site, it would be appropriate to give the cost of demolition in the form of a contribution, to the Century Park Museum Association. This gesture would be compatible with a resolution made by the Association's Board of Directors on October 30, namely that "If the Municipality will allow funds to be applied to the cost of moving in lieu of demolition, the Association will pay the balance of the moving expenses and installation of the dwelling on a foundation".

According to tenders received, the dwelling can be moved for \$1,950. The amount would be reduced to \$1,350 if the Municipality were to provide a \$600 grant. The \$1,350, and possibly the cost of constructing a foundation, would be paid for by funds raised by sales from the Gift Shop. The profits from the Gift Shop are not recorded as part of the Revenue of the Village and have been kept for special purposes such as acquisition of artifacts. The Gift Shop Committee is prepared to authorize the additional expenditure involved.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the motion giving authorization to have the dwelling demolished be rescinded; and

THAT authorization be given to have the dwelling moved from its present location on Laurel Street to the Heritage Village site; and

THAT a \$600 contribution be given to the Century Park Museum Association to help defray moving expenses; and

THAT the \$600 be charged to Lands - Building Demolition 13-04-57.