

Re: Teenage Activity in the Vicinity of Charles Rummel Community
Centre and Claim for Damages to a Car
Letter from Mrs. Shirley Hart that appeared on the
Agenda for the May 5, 1975 Meeting of Council (Item 4g, Page 36)

Appearing on the Agenda for the May 5, 1975 meeting of Council was a letter from Mrs. Shirley Hart regarding teenage activity in the vicinity of Charles Rummel Community Centre, and also, a request that she be reimbursed by the Municipality in the amount of \$25 for damages to her car which was subjected to deliberate mischief while parked on public property. Following is a report on this matter from the Superintendent, Officer in Charge of the Burnaby Detachment of the R.C.M.P.

With respect to the claim for damages, the Solicitor advises that the Municipality is not liable for damages to Mrs. Hart's car, and that the request for reimbursement should be accordingly denied. Our insurance which covers negligence by employees obviously does not apply in this particular case.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the claim for \$25 as submitted for damages to the correspondent's car be denied; and
2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to the Youth Services Committee for any follow-up action that may be considered appropriate; and
3. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mrs. Hart.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: O. i/c BURNABY DET. R.C.M.P.

RE: CHARLES RUMMEL PARK

This has reference to the letter from Mrs. Shirley Hart dated April 30, 1975 to Council concerning teenagers frequenting Charles Rummel Park and some damage caused to her automobile.

Cst. S. Coomer of this R.C.M.P. Detachment was the member who attended Mrs. Hart's initial complaint on the 28th of April 1975. He interviewed Mrs. Hart at her residence on Kerrywood Crescent and concluded from the damage to her vehicle it had been kicked, and scratched by a sharp object. Mrs. Hart related to him the circumstances contained in her letter, and Cst. Coomer went to the Charles Rummel Park area. He saw some 30 to 40 youths around the Community Centre building, but there were no signs of unruly behaviour or liquor consumption at that time.

Earlier that day, approximately three-quarters of an hour before Mrs. Hart left her car at the Community Centre, one of our Traffic patrols had made a seizure of twenty-four bottles of beer from three youths in the park area; however, we have nothing to connect this incident with the damage to Mrs. Hart's car.

Neighbourhood enquiries have been conducted and it would appear there has been an increase in youth activity on the streets around the park since some restrictions were placed on their attendance at the Charles Rummel Centre. The activity has included some reckless driving, obscene language and drinking, but the youths have not been considered criminals in the true sense of the word. In fact, evidence of their good intent has been shown by their voluntarily contacting the Burnaby Parks representatives to make restitution for windows broken in the Recreation Centre.

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The zone Constables responsible for policing this area have recently spoken with several youths of the group that frequents the park. These youths were not surprised that a complaint had been made because of the foolish driving of a few members of the group and apologized for some harassment of one resident who had spoken to them about it. They agreed to speak to other members of their peer group to try to eliminate the drinking and poor driving activities.

More intensive patrols are being made in the park area and we will try to establish a good rapport with the youths frequenting the park to lessen these incidents of unruly behaviour.



(W.G. Lambert) Supt.
O. i/c Burnaby Detachment