

ITEM 26
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 43
COUNCIL MEETING June 16/75

Re: Letter Dated June 5, 1975 from the City of Port Moody
2425 St. Johns Street, P.O. Box 36, Port Moody
Operation of Motorcycles on Trails on the East Side of Burnaby Mountain

Appearing on the Agenda for the June 16, 1975 meeting of Council is a letter from Mr. J. Brovold, clerk for the City of Port Moody, regarding noise from motorcycles on the east side of Burnaby Mountain. Following is a report on this matter from the Chief Public Health Inspector. Attached is a related report from the Officer in Charge of the Burnaby Detachment of the R.C.M.P.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the City of Port Moody be requested to immediately forward pertinent and specific information regarding each future complaint to the Burnaby Health Department, the Simon Fraser University and the Burnaby Detachment of the R.C.M.P.; and.
2. THAT the Burnaby Health, Engineering and Police Departments assess the status of existing control measures with Simon Fraser University authorities; and
3. THAT the Burnaby Health Department conduct a survey of existing noise emission to include weekends; and
4. THAT the Greater Vancouver Regional District be queried as to the status of their feasibility study pertaining to "Recreational Vehicles - Site Inventory and Analysis"; and
5. THAT a copy of this report item be forwarded to Simon Fraser University, attention of the Vice-President of Administration.

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June 13, 1975.

Mr. M.J. Shelley
Municipal Manager
Corporation of Burnaby

Dear Sir:

Re: NOISE EMISSION - OPERATION OF MOTORCYCLES ON TRAILS
AT EAST SIDE OF BURNABY MOUNTAIN
COMPLAINANT - CITY OF PORT MOODY

Noise emanating from the activity of motorcycle riding on trails situated on the East side of Burnaby Mountain has received a great deal of attention from officials of this Municipality.

A thorough investigation was carried out in 1974 and a report submitted to Council on June 13th, 1974.

The report confirmed that noise emanating from motorcycle riding activities was an irritant to certain citizens of the City of Port Moody and placed the onus of responsibility for control on the owners or occupiers of the concerned land, namely the Simon Fraser University.

On June 21st, 1974, the Municipal Clerk advised Simon Fraser University authorities of their responsibility in this matter. On July 9th, 1974, a communication was received from Mr. G. Stuart, Vice President, Administration, Simon Fraser University, stating that the following control measures would be implemented by the University authorities:

- (1) We will post signs in the areas that are presently being used by

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motorcycles prohibiting use of motor vehicles.

- (2) We will increase security in these areas.
- (3) We will call the Burnaby R.C.M.P. when and if offenders are seen.

It is our opinion that University authorities have made a serious attempt to control this difficult problem. Signs prohibiting the activity of motorcycle riding were posted and security patrols increased. Difficulty in the maintenance of signs was experienced due to vandalism.

There is no doubt that this problem is major in that control is difficult and certainly a successful and early conclusion is not to be expected. When one considers the area of undeveloped land; its accessibility to motorcyclists; the long daylight hours when riding is possible; the number of potential riders within the surrounding urban areas; the increasing activity of recreational motorcycling and the difficulty of controlling trespassers, one must conclude that, while progress has been made, the problem will take time to finalize.

One of the control factors is prompt notification from the City of Port Moody as to the specific incident of complaint. The information should include the following:

- (1) Address of complainant.
- (2) Time of incident.
- (3) Frequency, duration and if possible, location of noise emission.

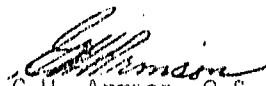
As the situation now stands, we have not had a complaint from the City of Port Moody since control measures were instituted and it is difficult to ascertain the success of control factors without this information.

On December 31st, 1974, the Greater Vancouver Regional District completed a draft report on "Recreational Vehicles - Site Inventory and Analysis". As this study, when finalized, will influence the future trend for recreational vehicle sites, we would suggest that the Greater Vancouver Regional District be queried as to the present status of this feasibility study.

RECOMMENDATION

- (1) THAT the City of Port Moody forward pertinent and specific information as to complaint.
- (2) THAT the Burnaby Health, Engineering and Police Departments assess the status of existing control measures with Simon Fraser University authorities.
- (3) THAT the Health Department conduct a survey of existing noise emission. (Including weekends).
- (4) THAT the Greater Vancouver Regional District be queried as to the status of their feasibility study pertaining to "Recreational Vehicles - Site Inventory and Analysis".

Respectfully submitted,


G.H. Armon, C.S.I. (C)
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

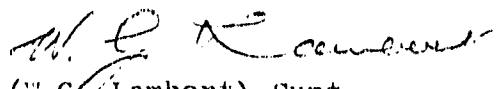
FROM: O. i/c BURNABY DET. R.C.M.P.

RE: OPERATION OF MOTORCYCLES ON TRAILS
AT EAST SIDE OF BURNABY MOUNTAIN

1. This has reference to the correspondence dated the 5th of June 1975 from the Municipal Clerk, Port Moody, to the Municipal Clerk at Burnaby. The problem of noise emanating from minibikes and motorcycles operated in the Burnaby Mountain area has been well documented in the past and complaints in this regard died down last year following the fencing of some areas and posting of signs. Most of these signs have disappeared and fences have been torn down in places.

2. As in the matter of the Burnaby Horsemen's Association complaint of such machines being ridden on trails, we find ourselves in the rather untenable position in that the complainants are looking firstly to the police to resolve their problem, but the legal issues are not clearly defined. Among these we are trying to resolve is the status of trails and rights of way under the Highway and Motor Vehicle Acts, and ownership of various properties involved. In the Burnaby Mountain area, there are three levels of government-owned property in addition to that of Simon Fraser University and boundary lines are not clearly defined.

3. The licensing requirements for such vehicles and riders would depend on the ownership of the land and the status of the trails; in any event, this would not resolve the noise problem. From tests conducted last year, it was evident that some of these machines emitted excessive noise, but liability appeared to be an issue. We are endeavouring to get a ruling on the legal technicalities involved and will be working closely with the Burnaby Health Department and Simon Fraser University officials in an effort to find a solution to this problem. In the meantime, we are trying to discourage the riding of motorcycles in this area but a permanent solution would appear to be the provision of proper facilities for trail riding in an area which would not constitute a nuisance to residents.


(W.G. Lambert) Supt.
Officer in Charge
Burnaby Detachment R.C.M.P.