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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 15
COUNCIL MEETING Mar. 3/75

Re: a. Noise Enforcement Program
b. Vehicular Noise Readings on Burris Street
(Item 2, Report No. 86, December 30, 1974)

On December 30, 1974, Council in connection with a letter from Mrs. Eileen Purton received a report on the Municipality's efforts to control vehicular noise and speed on Burris Street. Further information on this matter is contained in the following report from the N.C. Officer-in-Charge, Traffic Section, Burnaby Detachment of the R.C.M.P., and the attached report from the Chief Public Health Inspector.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of these reports be sent to Mrs. Eileen Purton.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

JANUARY 23, 1975

FROM: S/SGT. M. HOCHSTETTER

RE: Complaint of Mrs. Eileen PURTON
Traffic on Burris Street
Item 2, Manager's Report No. 86, 1974

With reference to the above and to inter-office communication dated 13 JAN 75, and to previous correspondence regarding complaints of speeding and vehicular noise on Burris Street, I wish to advise as follows.

Burris Street is a heavily travelled connector road and on occasion this street is used by truckers as a short cut to Kingsway. A recent survey on January 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th during which time radar was operated for one to two hours during the morning, again in the afternoon and similarly in the evening, indicated that there were speed violators. A dozen or more tickets were issued for speeding which is common to almost any street in Burnaby.

During a four hour period on January 16, 1975 at least twenty trucks were observed using Burris Street. All but one of these trucks were under the 30,000 GW and operating on Burris Street legally. To someone not familiar with GW all of these trucks would appear to be operating illegally. None of the trucks observed were making excessive noise.

For the information of the complainant, all our members are aware of her complaint and patrols will continue to be made on Burris Street, and radar will continue to be operated on a priority bases.

Our members are scheduled to assist the Health Inspector in the near future with regard to measuring the noise of vehicles on Burris Street and a report on their findings will be submitted in due course.


(M. Hochstetter) S/Sgt.
i/c Traffic Section

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February 28, 1975.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: VEHICULAR NOISE READINGS - 7500 BLOCK BURRIS STREET

On December 11, 1975, this Department received a written complaint from Mrs. Eileen Purton, 7420 Burris Street, Burnaby, in regard to the noise generated by traffic traversing Burris Street. Screeching tires, cars without mufflers and dump trucks moving at great speed, were specifically mentioned.

The complaint was discussed with R.C.M.P. Officials and the decision made to conduct a noise control enforcement program in the month of January 1975.

Two noise surveys, for the purpose of assessing late night and early morning traffic noise, were conducted by Health Department Officials. The times and dates were as follows:

- (1) January 21/22, 1975 - 10:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.
- (2) January 25, 1975 - 12:30 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.

One hundred and ninety (190) vehicles were monitored; of these vehicles, nine (9) were just above the permitted levels of noise emission and six (6) were well over the permitted levels.

The official vehicular noise control program, for the purpose of charging offenders, was carried out on January 24, 1975. The hours were as follows:

- (1) 10:30 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.

Staff

One (1) Police car; two (2) Police Officers and three (3) Health Department Officials.

Noise monitoring equipment was set-up at the intersection of Braemar and Burris Streets; southbound traffic only was monitored. Due to pressure in other areas of Police activity, only one Police car was available. As there was only one car, it was necessary that it be located at the monitoring station. This proved rather cumbersome as each violator had to be overtaken by the Police car with the result that violators proceeding south on Burris during the absence of the Police car were not apprehended - a total of six (6). (This number applies to both morning and afternoon vehicular noise programs). Seventy (70) vehicles were monitored. Two (2) vehicles were stopped; one as a borderline case and the second emitting excessive noise. The driver of the borderline vehicle was issued a verbal warning and the driver of the second vehicle was charged under the authority of the Burnaby Noise or Sound Abatement By-law 1972, #6052.

- (2) 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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The circumstances of procedure were as described in the morning program (10:30 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.). Eighty (80) vehicles were monitored. Three (3) vehicles were stopped; two of the violators were borderline, insofar as noise emission was concerned, and were issued verbal warnings; one, however, under the authority of the Motor Vehicle Act, was issued a speeding ticket by the attending Police Officer; and the second a notice to correct the vehicle muffler system. This vehicle was proceeding very slowly and as a result did not contravene the Noise By-law. Had it been proceeding at, or above the speed limit, it, undoubtedly, would have been in violation of the By-law.

Summation of Official Burris Street Noise Enforcement Program

The operators of two vehicles were charged with violation of the requirements of the Burnaby Noise or Sound Abatement By-law 1972, #6052. The current status of the two charges are as follows:

First Charge

Summoned to appear on March 5, 1975.

Second Charge

Summoned and appeared. A trial date has been set for March 13, 1975, as the person charged entered a "Not Guilty" plea. It is of interest that this will be the first time that a charge under the traffic section of the Noise By-law has gone to trial.

We will advise as to the final result of both charges.

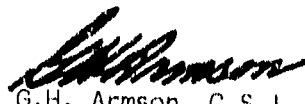
It is, at times, very difficult for the R.C.M.P. to provide noise control stations with two (2) cars and the necessary personnel. To this end, Police and Health Officials have discussed the possibility of one car and the use of portable communication equipment. This would prove beneficial, from a financial and manpower standpoint, as the persons manning the noise equipment station would advise the Police Officer, stationed some distance ahead, as violating vehicles passed the monitoring point. The Officer would then detain the violator while Health Department personnel obtained pertinent information of the vehicle and its operator. A dual traffic noise program, Municipal and Police personnel, is compulsory as only a Police Officer is authorized to stop and detain the operators of moving vehicles.

It is our intention to increase traffic noise control programs throughout the Municipality in 1975. The manner and method by which this will be accomplished will be contained in the general report on the overall status of noise control as submitted by the Sub-Technical Noise Control Committee during the month of March 1975.

RECOMMENDATION

- (1) That we await the outcome of the two charges arising from the Burris Street noise enforcement program.
- (2) That the complainant, Mrs. Eileen Purton be advised that two charges emanated from the noise control enforcement program conducted by the R.C.M.P. and Health Department on January 24, 1975.

Respectfully submitted,


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

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