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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 79  
COUNCIL MEETING Dec. 8/75

Re: BY-LAW NO. 6786, BURNABY COMMERCIAL VEHICLE LICENCING BY-LAW

The following is the report of the Chief Licence Inspector dated December 5, 1975 regarding the above.

The amending By-law is on the Agenda for the meeting of December 12, 1975.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Burnaby Commercial Vehicle Licencing By-law 1962, Amendment By-law 1975, By-law No. 6786, be brought forward.

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5 December 1975

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: CHIEF LICENCE INSPECTOR

RE: BY-LAW NO. 6786, BURNABY COMMERCIAL VEHICLE LICENCING BY-LAW

Bill No. 103, 1975, amends the Municipal Act, part 10, division 2, by deleting the authority for municipalities to issue municipal exempt plates, effective 1 January 1976.

At the present time the empowering legislation provides authority to issue municipal plates and includes provision to issue an exempt plate to the owner of a commercial vehicle who does not use the vehicle for commercial purposes.

The purpose of the exempt plate enabled us to separate persons operating commercial vehicles for commercial purposes from persons who operate commercial vehicles such as:

- (1) A vehicle licenced as a farm vehicle;
- (2) A school bus or mission bus, the sole property of a religious organization;
- (3) A vehicle owned by a government agency;
- (4) A vehicle operated for recreational use only or a non-profit agency.

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The issuance of exempt plates has been a contentious issue since the inception of Burnaby Commercial Vehicle Licencing By-law No. 4629 in 1964. In amending the Municipal Act, the Provincial Government has responded to continuous pressure from operators of vehicles qualifying for exempt plates.

The purpose of the requirement to obtain an exempt plate was mainly to assist in enforcement in differentiating between operators using vehicles for commercial purposes and those of an exempt nature, as previously noted.

Under present legislation it is required that all commercial vehicles display a municipal plate or a municipal exempt plate.

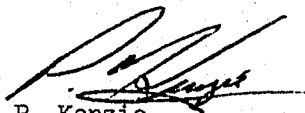
Effective 1 January 1976, only operators of commercial vehicles using those vehicles for commercial purposes shall be required to obtain a municipal plate. Greater difficulty in enforcement of the by-law is anticipated, as it will then be necessary to apprehend the operators of commercial vehicles at the time the vehicles are actually being used for commercial purposes.

The current fee for a municipal exempt plate is \$2.00 and is retained entirely by the municipality to cover costs incurred. Thus a loss in revenue of approximately \$5,000 annually is anticipated.

The Municipal Solicitor has prepared By-law No. 6786, being Burnaby Commercial Vehicle Licencing By-law 1962, Amendment By-law 1975, deleting all reference to exempt plates.

#### RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT Burnaby Commercial Vehicle Licencing By-law 1962, Amendment By-law 1975, By-law No. 6786, be adopted.



P. Kenzie  
CHIEF LICENCE INSPECTOR

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