Re: LETTER DATED MARCH 20, 1976 FROM MRS. A. LESLEY 7864 17th AVENUE, BURNABY SPROTT/LUBBOCK FARM
(Item 14. Report No. 65. October 14, 1975)

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(Item 14, Report No. 65, October 14, 1975) (Item 10, Report No. 3, January 19, 1976) (Item 17, Report No. 18, March 22, 1976)

Appearing on the Agenda for the March 29, 1976 meeting of Council is a letter from Mrs. A. Lesley regarding the preservation of the Sprott/Lubbock Farm on Canada Way. Following is a report from the Director of Planning on the matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mrs. A. Lesley.

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT MARCH 25, 1976

TO:

MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM:

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

SUBJECT:

SPROTT/LUBBOCK FARM

CORRESPONDENCE FROM MRS. A. LESLEY

Appearing on the March 29 Council agenda is an item of correspondence from Mrs. A. Lesley related to the Sprott/Lubbock Farm. In her letter are comments related to the preservation of farm buildings on the site.

Council will recall that the Century Park Museum Association has been working closely with the potential developers of the site, Community Builders Limited, towards a solution which will appropriately consider both the heritage nature of this site as well as its potential for housing development. As mentioned in our report of March 22 (Manager's Report No. 18, Item 17), discussions have occured between the Century Park Museum Association's Executive Committee and Community Builders Limited, resulting in an arrangement which is satisfactory to both parties. Community Builders Limited has agreed to permit the Association to remove any or all buildings from the site and will contribute \$5,000.00 for the purpose of defraying the costs of such removal.

The Century Park Museum Association, in correspondence dated March 15, 1976, stated that it is unable to assume preservation, restoration, development, operation, staffing or maintenance of either the farm house or the farm site except for those items removed to Heritage Village. In the absence of such a use/maintenance program, it would not be practical or useful to designate the farm house and buildings as heritage buildings and preserve them on the site. The possibility of relocating the buildings has been considered. However, as outlined in Community Builder's correspondence of February 13, 1976, the house is structurally unsound with the result that it is unlikely that it could survive a move. The cost of subsequent major repair and restoration work required would be extremely prohibitive.

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Thus, the most reasonable solution, considering both the heritage nature of the site and its potential for housing development conforming to the adopted Community Plan, has been reached. Council, on February 2, 1976, confirmed the Community Plan and made the farmhouse and associated buildings available to the Century Park Museum Association. Community Builders have agreed to this condition and have offered \$5,000 to aid in the relocation of those buildings possible to move. Council on March 22, 1976 referred the Century Park Museum Association's request that the parks in the vicinity be named after historic figures to the Parks and Recreation Commission for consideration.

As stated in our report of March 22, 1976, the Planning Department will now work with the applicant for rezoning towards a suitable plan of development generally conforming to the adopted Community Plan.

This is for the information of Council.

A. L. Parr, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING.

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c.c. Parks and Recreation Commission Century Park Museum Association Community Builders Limited Mrs. A. Lesley