

Re: ACCOMMODATING HORSES AT OAKALLA OR IN THE BIG BEND AREA
(ITEM 16, REPORT NO. 67, OCTOBER 25, 1976)

During inquiries at the meeting on October 4, 1976, comments were made on the possible displacement of approximately thirty horses from the Lubbock Farm due to the eventual loss of barns on the property. Council then resolved:

"THAT the subject of horses being placed on Oakalla lands be referred to the Parks and Recreation Commission for comment."

Council on October 25 was advised as follows:

"The Commission, at its meeting of October 20, 1976, was informed of the complaint received by Council regarding the loss of horse barns at Lubbock Farms.

The Parks and Recreation staff have discussed this matter with a representative of the tenants of Lubbock Farm, Mrs. Los, and have ascertained that their inquiry was directed toward the farm buildings which presently exist at Oakalla prison. The Parks and Recreation Commission understands that there are no firm plans to phase out the prison buildings and, therefore, it is not possible to determine when the facilities might be available for consideration. In the opinion of the Parks and Recreation staff, the proposed Deer Lake Park outside of the prison buildings is not suitable for the construction of stables. However, the merits of such a proposal could well be determined through the studies presently being undertaken by Charles Torrence Consultants, and the Commission will put forward a request that the question of equestrian activities be considered during the Deer Lake-Oakalla Park Study.

The best solution for the Lubbock Farm tenants would appear to be through long range planning in conjunction with the Burnaby Horsemen's Association. This will not, however, solve their immediate problem as there are no existing Municipal facilities and it is doubtful any could be constructed even through the Burnaby Horsemen's Association by January, 1977, the date we understand the stabling is required."

The report containing comments from the Commission was tabled, and staff was requested "to inquire as to the temporary accommodation of horses at Oakalla and also any possibility of accommodation in the Big Bend Area."

Attached is a further report from the Director of Planning on this matter.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT consideration of use of Oakalla prison buildings is premature and should not be pursued at this time; and
2. THAT the Lubbock Farms tenants be advised to consult with the Burnaby Horsemen's Association regarding stabling of horses on public land in Burnaby.

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File #10.470/15.101

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

RE: ACCOMMODATING HORSES AT OAKALLA OR IN THE BIG BEND AREA

Council at its meeting of October 25, 1976 tabled Item 16, Manager's Report No. 67 in order to determine the possibility of accommodating horses at Oakalla or in the Big Bend Area.

The Director of the Lower Mainland Regional Correctional Centre has advised (see attached letter dated November 2, 1976) that the use of their horse barns is not possible in that the barns are currently being used by the Department of Public Works for storage purposes.

In the opinion of both the Parks and Recreation and Planning staff, the construction of stables within the area leased to the Municipality for park purposes is not considered suitable at this time. However, the merits of such a proposal will be determined through the studies presently being undertaken for the Deer Lake/Oakalla area.

With respect to the Big Bend, the Municipal holdings in the area are not considered suitable for the accommodation of horses. Furthermore, no equestrian trails have been developed or are proposed for the Big Bend. It is also felt that the stabling of horses should be related to the Municipal equestrian trail system and not located randomly throughout the Municipality.

This information is submitted for the information of Council.


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BRITISH COLUMBIA CORRECTIONS SERVICE
LOWER MAINLAND REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL CENTRE

November 2, 1976

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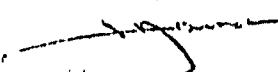
Dear Mr. Gaunt:

Re: Use of Horse Barns -
Lower Mainland Regional
Correctional Centre

This will acknowledge your letter dated October 22nd, 1976, concerning the use of our horse barns.

I am sorry to advise that I cannot consider your request. It would create too many unmanageable problems. At the present time the barns are being used to store Department of Public Works emergency equipment.

Yours truly,


H. B. Bjarnason,
Director.

HBB/tw