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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 69
COUNCIL MEETING Oct. 11/77

Re: LETTER FROM MR. R. L. FOSTER WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE OCTOBER 3, 1977 MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 4d)
1977 ORNAMENTAL STREET LIGHTING PROGRAM
(ITEM 7, REPORT NO. 59, SEPTEMBER 6, 1977)

Appearing on last week's agenda was a letter from Mr. R. L. Foster regarding an ornamental street lighting project in the Parkcrest area. Following is a report from the Municipal Engineer on this matter. Comments from the Officer-in-Charge, R.C.M.P., Burnaby Detachment are contained in the report which is attached.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. R. L. Foster.

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28 September, 1977.

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER
SUBJECT: 1977 ORNAMENTAL STREET LIGHTING PROGRAM.

On the Council Agenda for October 3, 1977, is a letter from Mr. R. L. Foster. This letter is in reply to an Engineering report dated September 1, 1977, submitted by the Engineer to Council at their September 6, 1977 Council meeting. That report was generated by a letter from Mr. Foster concerning the 1977 Ornamental Street Lighting Program. In reply and to report on Mr. Foster's most recent letter, the Engineering Department can generally just reiterate and update the report to Council of September 1, 1977. Points 1, 2, and 3 of Mr. Foster's letter are best reported on by the R.C.M.P.

To update the report of September 1, 1977, Council received the Clerk's Certificate of Sufficiency covering the 1977 Local Improvement Lighting Program at the Council meeting of September 19, 1977. From that report it is self-evident that the people of that area disagree with Mr. Foster and wish to have the area included in the 1977 Ornamental Street Lighting Program.

At the Council meeting of September 6, 1977 there was an enquiry as to how an area might be included in a Lighting Program. An area or street might be included in a program by one or several methods of a show of interest in Street Lighting. This interest could be through written correspondence and requests, telephone enquiries, through Council members knowledge of interest in the area or complaints received from the area concerning the level of street lighting. The area could also be designated by staff as a logical extension of the progressive and annual Lighting Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Mr. Foster be forwarded a copy of this report.

F. E. O'Connell
MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: O. i/c BURNABY DET. R.C.M.P.
RE: 1977 ORNAMENTAL STREET LIGHTING

File #30898/77
October 3, 1977

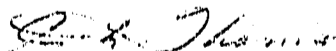
We reply to the portion of the September 20th letter from Mr. R.L. FOSTER which makes reference to traffic, crime and gang activities.

The incidents mentioned by Mr. FOSTER are general statements and therefore it is not possible to reply by referring to specific files. A search of our records suggests Mr. FOSTER apparently has not registered any complaints of this nature; and not knowing names of other possible complainants a record check cannot be made. We can say, though, that the area identified by Mr. FOSTER receives attention equal to that which is provided to other districts throughout the municipality; but we must keep it foremost in mind that it is not realistic to expect patrol vehicles in every district of the municipality at one time.

Our patrols respond to calls of this nature when they are registered, however, in the majority of instances the complainants cannot identify the reported speeding vehicle or an individual because of the spontaneous action by the culprits at irregular intervals. The responsible persons have left the scene when the patrol arrives which makes enforcement extremely difficult.

In comment to the statement of Mr. FOSTER that crimes take place in lighted areas and during daylight, we must say this is true. We do point out, however, statistics reveal that breaking and entering offences committed during darkness outnumber daylight offences at a ratio of approximately three to one. Wilful damage occurrences at night outnumber daylight occurrences at a ratio of approximately two to one.

In conclusion, I will be alerting our patrols to direct attention to the area in question with a view of applying stricter enforcement where supporting facts dictate this.


(C.L. Thomas) Supt.
O. i/c Burnaby Detachment