

ITEM	6
MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	79
COUNCIL MEETING	Nov. 14/77

Re: VANDALISM IN THE CAPITOL HILL AREA

Council recently requested a report on an open letter from a resident of Capitol Hill to the Mayor which appeared in the Columbian newspaper on October 24, 1977. The letter contained details involving damage to and the theft of bicycles belonging to her son, and also, comments on having received a ticket for illegal parking during a visit to municipal hall. Following is a report from the Officer in Charge, Burnaby Detachment, R.C.M.P. on this matter.

This is for the information of Council.

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November 8, 1977

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: O. i/c BURNABY DET. R.C.M.P.

RE: VANDALISM - CAPITOL HILL AREA

1. This relates to request for a report in reply to certain statements made in an open letter to the Mayor which appeared in a local newspaper on October 24, 1977.

2. We acknowledge reports of Theft of Bicycle in April 1976, and again in January 1977. In every instance, unfortunately, there was no evidence to identify the persons responsible. However, files do remain active for a period of one year in the event factors come to light which may indicate the responsible party.

3. The statement of a vast increase in crime in the neighbourhood of the writer are remarks made without identifying specific instances to which we can make reference. We must accept that we have a share of the crime pattern in all areas, but certainly the area about which the writer speaks has not been inflicted to such a degree that it would be placed in a category dictating special policing programs be undertaken to combat the rise in crime.

4. A senior member visited the author of the letter for clarification concerning the allegations about policing and came away most disappointed because of the manner in which she expressed herself by the use of foul language and tone of voice. He was left with the impression that the letter was directed to emphasise she was issued a parking ticket while paying her taxes, as opposed to the crime-related matters of which she spoke. For reference, the traffic ticket was issued at 3:10 P.M. on June 27, 1977 during a scheduled patrol of the municipal parking lots by a Municipal Parking Patrolman. The violation was for parking in a reserved parking area.

5. It is indeed unfortunate that this family was victim of several thefts which remain unsolved. However, the remainder of the complaints are without foundation.

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