

Re: LETTER DATED JANUARY 10, 1977 FROM MR. GUY W. TURNBULL
1189A YORSTON COURT, BURNABY REQUESTING PERMISSION TO
TRAP ANIMALS.

Appearing on the agenda for the January 17, 1977 Council meeting is a copy of a letter dated January 10, 1977 from Mr. Guy W. Turnbull, 1189A Yorston Court, North Burnaby requesting permission to trap in certain areas inside and outside of Burnaby.

The following report dated January 13, 1977 from the Chief Licence Inspector has been prepared in this connection.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Mr. Turnbull's request be denied; and,
2. THAT Mr. Turnbull be forwarded a copy of this report item.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: CHIEF LICENCE INSPECTOR
SUBJECT: TRAPPING OF WILD ANIMALS

13 January 1977

Appearing on the Council agenda of 17 January 1977 is a letter from G. W. Turnbull, 1189A Yorston Court, Burnaby, requesting permission to trap the following areas and animals:

1. Still Creek - Sperling to Willingdon Avenue, for beaver and muskrat
2. Fraser River and its tributaries, from Greenall to Stewartson Way, for beaver, muskrat, raccoon and fox

NOTE: Stewartson Way is not in the Municipality of Burnaby.
The information and recommendations of this report deal with lands within the Municipality only.

The Municipal Engineer advises that the watercourse of Still Creek is under the jurisdiction of the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District. Uses as proposed by Mr. Turnbull would require their approval. The Parks and Recreation Administrator advises that some areas surrounding Still Creek are available for public use, and that plans to develop sections of the creek banks for recreational uses have been formulated.

The Fraser River and some of its tributaries are regularly frequented by residents, particularly children for fishing. Additionally, the Parks and Recreation Department is developing areas of the Fraser shoreline as parkland.

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In our opinion, the trapping of wild animals would not be compatible with proposed or existing recreational activities in these areas.

The Provincial Department of Fish and Wildlife advises that persons trapping wild animals must be in possession of a Provincial trappers' licence. The licensee must qualify through experience and knowledge. Regulations applicable to trappers include the type of traps that may be used and the regularity with which they must be tended. A Provincial trappers' licence does not provide authority to enter upon private or Municipal properties.

The areas described by Mr. Turnbull comprises both private and Municipally owned properties. Consequently, a licenced trapper would be obliged to obtain permission to trespass from each property owner. Also, the question of liability could arise.

I am unable to determine if Mr. Turnbull possesses a valid Provincial trappers' licence.

The Chief Public Health Inspector concurs with this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Mr. Turnbull's request be denied.


P. A. Kenzie
CHIEF LICENCE INSPECTOR

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cc. Municipal Treasurer
Chief Public Health Inspector