

RE: 9523 CAMERON STREET - LOT 1, BLOCK 22, S½ D.L. 6, PLAN 6791 N. W. D..  
(ITEM 1, REPORT 47, JUNE 27th, 1977.)

When the Municipal Council considered Item 1, of Manager's Report #47 on June 27th, 1977 in which it was recommended that the house on 9523 Cameron Street be demolished, a further report was requested to determine why there had been so much vandalism in the house. The specific question that was asked by Council was why the house had not been boarded up immediately.

The following report dated July 19th, 1977 from the Land Agent notes that the building had been secured by municipal forces at a very early stage, and that it was subsequent to this action that the vandalism occurred. The Land Agent has suggested a possible solution to this type of problem, and we are recommending it for the consideration of Council. Fortunately, incidents such as this are few and far between.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the Land Agent be authorized, as soon as purchase of property for any specific purpose has been made, to take complete supervision of the property, including any repairs that might be required and the provision of tenants where vacant possession is obtained; and
2. THAT this action be taken in close consultation with the appropriate administrative departmental staff concerned, including the Library Board; and
3. THAT the necessary budget item be established to provide the means to undertake any work required; and
4. THAT copies of this report item be forwarded to the Parks and Recreation commission and the Library Board for their information.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER July 19, 1977  
FROM: LANDS DEPARTMENT  
SUBJECT: 9523 CAMERON STREET - LOT 1, BLOCK 22, S½ D.L. 6,  
PLAN 6791 N. W. D.

At a meeting of the Library Board held September 14, 1976, and Council, at its meeting of September 27, 1976, authorization was granted to acquire the subject property for the sum of \$100,000.00 with the understanding that the finalization of the acquisition was to take place on or after the third day of January, 1977.

At this time the dwelling on the subject property was occupied by a tenant. The Municipality took title to the property on January 4, 1977. However, during the time Council approved the acquisition of the property in 1976 and title was obtained in 1977, the tenant vacated this property. The purchase price, land and buildings amounted to \$2.46 per sq. ft.

After the Municipality had obtained title to this property, an examination was made to determine the existing condition of the building and also to ascertain the amount of repairs, if any, were required to make the property rentable. An estimate was obtained at this time in the amount of \$2,000.00 to bring the building up to current Municipal by-law standards which then would allow it to be rented.

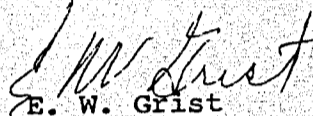
The Library Administration, at this time, were not able to provide the information on whether the Board would be desirous of renting the property and paying for the repairs or whether their construction program was imminent enough to forego the expense of the repairs and have the building demolished preparatory to establishing the proposed library. We were unable to obtain information in this regard at this time and the building was secured by Municipal forces. Subsequent to this action, the vandalism occurred.

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I would point out that it is virtually impossible to prevent the type of vandalism which occurred at this site when the premises are vacant, without constant supervision both night and day - which process in itself would be prohibitively costly and the chance of success in all cases is limited. As a means of prevention, I would offer, as a suggestion, that as soon as purchase of property for any civic purpose has been made, this Department undertake the complete supervision of the property including any repairs which might be required and the provision of tenants where vacant possession is obtained. The action suggested would require the previous consent of Council and could be made subject to subsequent report for concurrence in any instances where the action was warranted. It would also necessitate a budget item being set up to provide the means to accomplish any work required.

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Land Agent

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cc: Municipal Clerk  
Chief Building Inspector  
Director of Planning  
Chief Librarian  
Municipal Treasurer