

Re: LETTER FROM MISS LINDA M. LEHR WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA
FOR THE APRIL 25, 1977 MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 5e)
APPEAL OF A TRAFFIC TICKET AND TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AT SALISH
COURT

Appearing on last week's agenda was a letter from Miss Linda M. Lehr regarding a traffic ticket that was issued to her for illegal parking at Salish Court, and her concern that a provision should be made so that persons can appear in Court to "prove their innocence" without having to take time off from work. Following is a report from the Office in Charge, Burnaby Detachment, R.C.M.P. on this matter.

The Municipal Engineer advises that the comments on signing in the third paragraph of the report represent a complete statement on the matter and that he fully concurs with them.

We have also telephoned Mr. S. Madigan, Regional Crown Counsel, and he basically has confirmed what is contained in the second paragraph of the Superintendent's report with respect to night courts.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Miss Linda M. Lehr.

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APRIL 22, 1977

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: OFFICER IN CHARGE BURNABY DETACHMENT RCMP
SUBJECT: COMPLAINT OF LINDA MARGO LEHR

This has reference to the letter written by the complainant to His Worship the Mayor regarding the ticket she received and the method used to dispose of same.

Regarding night court, it would be up to the Province to set up judges and clerks for night courts and if they handled mainly Municipal by-laws no doubt the cost of administration would be billed to the Municipality. This would include overtime for our members for attending court. Larger cities have experimented with night court sittings and have slowly abandoned the practice. At present no night courts are held in the Province of British Columbia. Vancouver abandoned its night court some three years ago.

As to the complaint of valid signs Miss Lehr has no valid excuse. She states she observed one of the signs lying on the ground. Salish Court is a continual point of contention regarding parking. Upon entering the court the first sign indicates no parking anytime, with an arrow pointing inward. The second sign was in place at the apex of the court with the arrows pointing in both directions and the third sign was in place at the exit of the court with the arrow pointing backward to the court. This fourth additional sign was an extra sign placed by the Engineering Department during construction as people were complaining that the construction site broke up continuity of the signs.

Our members, as well as the parking patrolmen, are continually patrolling Salish Court due to the number of complaints received and also because of the request from the Fire Department to keep this court clear in case of emergency.

I might further add that if Miss Lehr's parents live in the court and if she has continually visited them at their residence, she most certainly would be aware of parking restrictions in this area.

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