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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 80
COUNCIL MEETING Nov. 21/77

Re: LETTER FROM BUMPER'S DISCOTHEQUE WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE
NOVEMBER 14, 1977 MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 4f)
REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO THE DISCOTHEQUE REGULATION BY-LAW

Appearing on last week's agenda was a letter from Mr. David A. Lowe, of
Bumper's Discotheque, requesting amendments to the Discotheque Regulation
By-law. Following is a report from the Chief Licence Inspector on this
matter.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the Burnaby Discotheque By-law No. 5047 not be amended to
extend the hours or days of operation; and
2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Bumpers Discotheque Ltd.,
Attention, Mr. David A. Lowe.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: CHIEF LICENCE INSPECTOR
SUBJECT: DISCOTHEQUES

16 November 1977

At the meeting of 14 November 1977 Council received a letter from Mr. D.A.
Lowe, Bumpers Discotheque Ltd., 7595 Kingsway requesting that the Burnaby
Discotheque By-Law 1966 No. 5047 be amended to permit;

- (i) the opening of discotheques on one or two Sundays
each month, provided that such operations shall be
for the benefit of charitable organizations
- (ii) the extension of operating hours to permit
discotheques to be open for business from 4:00
o'clock in the afternoon to 12:00 o'clock in the
afternoon on any day when the next day is not a day
when public schools are in session.

Currently the By-Law provides that discotheques shall not be open for business
on Sundays or permit dancing or other entertainment therein on that day. The
hours that they may be open for business are;

- (i) From 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon to 10:00 o'clock
in the afternoon on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays
and Thursdays.

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- (ii) From 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon to 12:00 o'clock in the afternoon on Fridays.
- (iii) From 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon to 12:00 o'clock in the afternoon on Saturdays.
- (iv) From 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon to 12:00 o'clock in the afternoon on any statutory holiday when the next day is not a day when public schools are in session.
- (v) From 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon to 12:00 o'clock in the afternoon on any day preceding a statutory holiday.

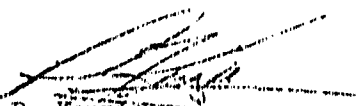
The existing discotheque currently operates six days each week and the operators maintain a satisfactory level of control on their premises. However, there are parking, traffic and associated noise problems in the adjacent residential neighbourhood, which are attributed to the patrons of the discotheque. The proposal to provide a special occasions permit would enable discotheques to be operated on one Sunday each month between February and November, and two Sundays during December and January. This could reduce by 27.14% the days during which the local residents are not subject to the associated traffic and noise problems.

The proposal to extend the operating hours for any day when the next day is not a day when public schools are in session would mean that discotheques could operate up to midnight for six days each week during summer, Christmas and spring school holidays. The noises attributed to patrons leaving would then climax between midnight and 12:30 a.m. and could be a further inconvenience to neighbouring residents, particularly working persons.

Any extension of operating hours for the existing discotheque would probably compound the problems experienced by residents in the adjacent neighbourhood, therefore the proposed amendments are not recommended.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Burnaby Discotheque By-Law 1966 No. 5047 not be amended to extend the hours of operation; and:
2. THAT Mr. D.A. Lowe, Bumpers Discotheque Ltd., receive a copy of this report.


P. Kenzie
CHIEF LICENCE INSPECTOR

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cc: Municipal Solicitor
Municipal Treasurer