LIEM MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 47 COUNCIL MEETING June 27/7

Re: DEMOLITION OF MUNICIPAL HOUSE (LIBRARY BOARD) - 9523 CAMERON STREET, LOT 1, BLOCK 22, St OF D.L. 6, PLAN 6791

Following is a report from the Land Agent dated June 17, 1977 concerning the subject property. The Land Agent, after consultation with the Building Department and the Library staff recommends that the house be demolished. The Chief Librarian concurs with this recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approve demolition of the house located at 1. 9523 Cameron Street.

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TO:

MUNICIPAL MANAGER

June 17, 1977

FROM:

LANDS DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: DEMOLITION OF MUNICIPAL HOUSE (LIBRARY BOARD) - 9523 CAMERON ST., LOT 1, BLK. 22, St of D.L.6, PLAN 6791

The Corporation of the District of Burnaby purchased the subject property, on behalf of the Burnaby Library Board, in January, 1977, for a proposed branch library site.

There was a house situated on the property which was in rather good condition but would have required an expenditure of approximately \$2,000.00 to bring it up to Municipal by-law standards before it could be rented.

As the Library Board was not desirous of spending this money to improve the condition of this residence, the building was secured by our Building Department until such time as money or authority was given to either demolish or rent it out. This building has been sitting vacant since January, 1977, awaiting the Library Board's directions and unfortunately, has now been vandalized very severely to the point where the Burnaby Fire Prevention Bureau wrote to Mr. Bryan L. Bacon, Chief Librarian, ordering the Library Board to either board up and secure it from trepass or demolish it immediately.

Mr. McKellar of the Municipal Building Department and Mr. Bryan L. Bacon, visited the residence on June 15, 1977 and have requested the Lands Department to take the necessary steps to have this building demolished. In the meantime, the Building Department has had the residence boarded up for safety purposes.

We would therefore request that we obtain Council approval as quickly as possible to demolish the subject residence. A copy of the letter from the Chief Building Inspector, outlining the current condition of the structure and costs to bring it up to standard, is attached. Millart.

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E.W. GAK Land Agent

Chief Building Inspector Library Board Director of Planning

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BUILDING DEPARTMENT

June 17, 1977.

Mr. Brian Bacon, CHIEF LIBRARIAN.

Subject: 9523 Cameron Street; Lot 1, Blk. 22 St, D.L. 6

Further to the inspection report and estimate prepared by this department on March 4, 1977, the unoccupied premises at the above address are now boarded up as requested and have suffered from such extensive vandalism that it appears impractical to consider any course of action other than demolition.

In summery, all plumbing fixtures have been either removed or destroyed, the electrical wiring and fixtures have been torn out wherever possible, doors and hardware have been removed, many windows are now broken and frames smashed, the kitchen cupboards have been torn down and smashed, floor coverings have been removed and the entire interior including the gypsum well board and plaster has been attacked.

An approximate estimate of the cost of repair for use as rental accommodation is \$12,000 and it is recommended that the premises be demolished as soon as possible.

Prank R. Mehling, P.Eng., DEPUTY CHIEF BUILDING INSPECTOR.

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c.c. LAND AGENT