Re: DRINKING AND VANDALISM – BEECHER PARK
ENQUIRIES BY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 12, 1977

Following is a report from the Officer in Charge, Burnaby Detachment, R.C.M.P. in response to an enquiry from Council.
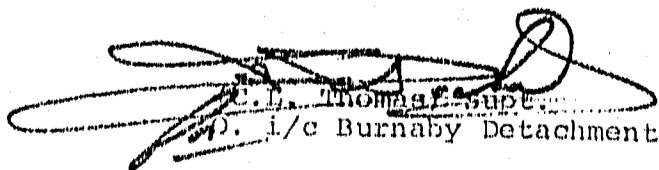
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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM O. i/c BURNABY DET. R.C.M.P.

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Enquiries were conducted with those residing in close proximity of Beecher Park, and twenty householders in all were contacted. There was no complaint of drinking, unnecessary noise or wilful damage from eighteen of the twenty residents. There was one complaint of wilful damage to an auto, where the antenna was broken and the tires slashed. The tires were not deflated and the complainant did not know if the damage was done while his vehicle was parked by his residence or at some other location. The second complainant stated: "Just hasn't let up for one year, youths drinking, swearing, hanging around, cars dragging, continually causing havoc. We have taken solid hell for _five_ years".

The parks attract youths from many areas and consumption of alcohol in the parks is encountered by the police occasionally, with Beecher Park being no exception. However, records reveal there has been little or no wilful damage or consumption of alcohol reported from Beecher Park. Over the past five years there have been twenty-five complaints regarding this park involving wilful damage, drinking and complaints of reckless driving, with the majority being in the driving category.

The General Duty and Traffic Section members of Burnaby Detachment are well aware of potential problem areas at Beecher Park and other parks throughout Burnaby, and these will receive increased attention with a view of minimizing complaints of drinking, wilful damage and reckless driving in public parks and adjacent streets.

C.L. Thomas, Supt.
O. i/c Burnaby Detachment

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