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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	15
COUNCIL MEETING	Feb. 28/77

Re: LETTER FROM MR. HUGH J. LAMBERT THAT APPEARED  
ON THE AGENDA FOR THE FEBRUARY 14, 1977 MEETING OF COUNCIL (Item 4b)  
50 SOUTH ELLESMERE, BURNABY  
PARKING IN LANE

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Appearing on the agenda for the February 14, 1977 meeting of Council was a letter from Mr. Hugh J. Lambert regarding the parking of a vehicle by a neighbour in a lane. Following is a report from the Officer-in-Charge, Burnaby Detachment, R.C.M.P. regarding this matter.

The Municipal Manager concurs with the course of action that is recommended by the Officer-in-Charge and the N.C.O. in charge of the Traffic Division. The encroachment, when it occurs, is very minor in nature. Also, it is quite conceivable that Mr. Lambert wants the space across the lane to be clear so that he can maximize his maneuverability by using the space where the van is sometimes parked, in which case he would be the one who is responsible for an encroachment, in this event onto private property. Nevertheless, the fact that the owner of the van is no longer living in the neighbourhood will in all probability lead to an amelioration of the problem.

The unsightly condition of the lane has been referred to the Chief Public Health Inspector and the Municipal Engineer for follow-up action.

An article on the regulations governing the parking of vehicles will appear in the next edition of the Information Burnaby Newsletter.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. Lambert.

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FEBRUARY 23, 1977

TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL, CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY  
FROM: N.C.O. I/C BURNABY TRAFFIC SECTION, R.C.M.P.  
SUBJECT: COMPLAINT OF PARKING IN LANE FROM HUGH LAMBERT

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With reference to his letter dated February 4, 1977, Mr. LAMBERT does correspond and telephone this office at regular intervals regarding parking of a vehicle in the lane. Please note from the rough sketch enclosed that the vehicle about which he complains parks in the lane and is beyond the line of the utility poles. Perhaps on occasion this person parks the said vehicle closer to the pavement than when we have checked it. The reason Mr. LAMBERT does complain is that his garage, which stores a car and a large boat, abuts the lane and when he uses or attempts to remove the boat it is awkward to maneuver on the lane proper without being cramped and finding it difficult to back the boat in or take the boat out of the garage. I can assure the Council that when our patrol cars arrive at the scene, whether they be R.C.M.P. or By-Law Enforcement Officers, and an illegally parked vehicle is detected a ticket will be issued. At this point I wish to emphasize that a vehicle parked some one foot on to the lane and not parked on the paved portion of the laneway will be given a leeway of tolerance before a ticket will be issued, e.g. charging a motorist for 31 MPH in a 30 MPH zone or 14 feet from a fire hydrant. I have made at least five personal patrols through this area since approximately December 15, 1976 and at no time did I find the illegally parked vehicle about which Mr. LAMBERT complains. On two occasions the panel truck in question was parked beyond the utility poles to the east. As indicated on the rough sketch the property line is some one foot to the east of the pole. This van would be approximately abutting the lane proper and I understand from my patrolmen that they have occasionally found this van parking in line and beyond this line of the utility poles to the east and at no time have we found this unit parked on the pavement.

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Re: Complaint of Parking in Lane from Hugh LAMBERT

It may be noted that the person who drives this van was living with a relative at 61 S. Holdom Avenue, however, this person moved out on his own some three weeks ago. The vehicle is owned by Circle Electric Ltd., 790 E. 14th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. On speaking to Mrs. LAMBERT on February 23, 1977 I was advised that this vehicle was back in the area a few nights ago, the date she could not remember.

It may also be noted from the attached photographs that this lane is the most cluttered up lane in that area. This is no reflection on Mr. LAMBERT as his portion of the lane is tidy. I would suggest that the Municipality of Burnaby advertise in the Municipal Information Bulletin regarding parking in lanes as half of the Capitol Hill residents park their vehicles in the lanes adjacent to their property without blocking the lane and leaving sufficient room for passage of vehicles.

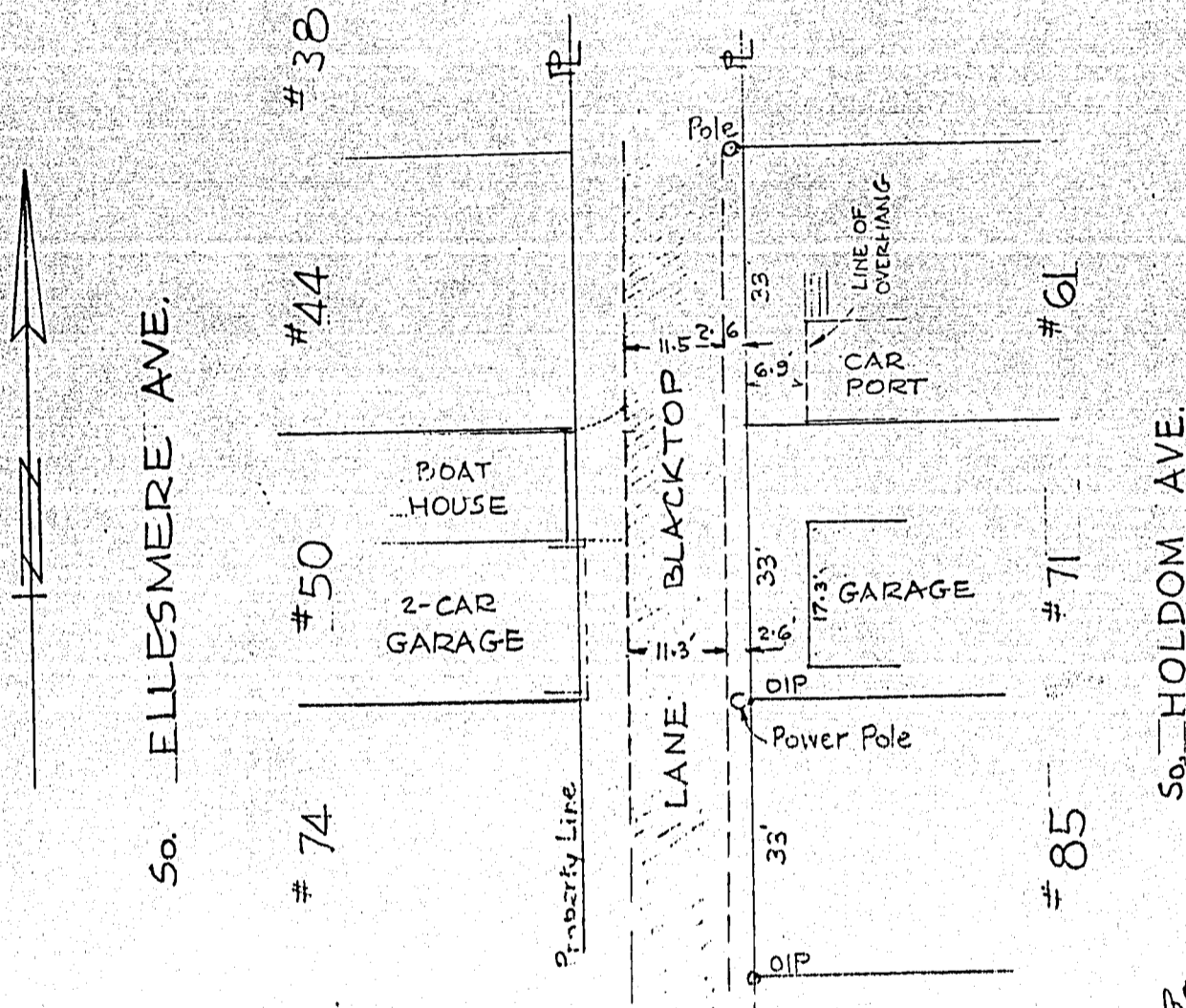
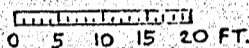
I am of the opinion that this will not satisfy Mr. LAMBERT as he requests that the by-law be enforced to the letter of the law. If this be the case then every lane must be surveyed indicating property lines and the Municipal laneway in order to obtain a conviction.

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O. i/c Burnaby Detachment N.C.O. i/c Traffic Section

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PLOT PLAN SHOWING DETAILS OF  
 DRIVE AND GARAGES ADJACENT TO  
 50 So. ELLESMERE & 61 So. HOLDOM ST.

Scale: 1 in. = 20 ft.



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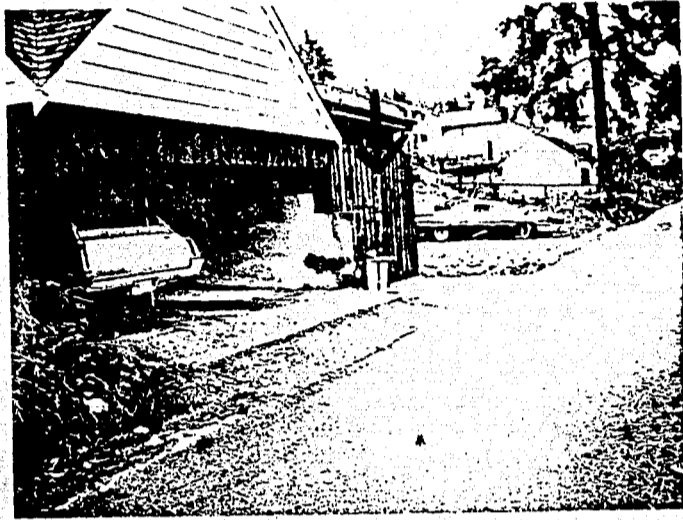


PHOTO #1:

Showing LAMBERT's garage (double). The boat is kept behind the wooden door marked with a red arrow.

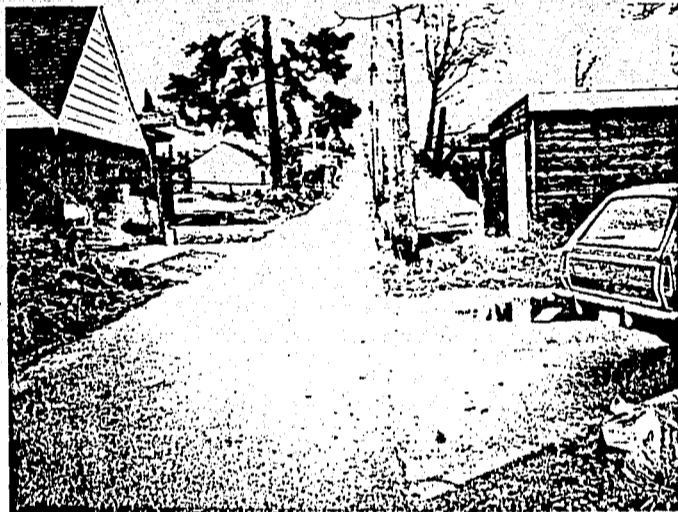


PHOTO #2:

Looking north - The van is usually parked in the position indicated by the red arrow where the police transport is parked. Cst. BUTT, who patrols this area, states that he has seen this van parked in this location and on occasion it has been even closer to the building.

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PHOTO #3:

The same lane looking south. Shows police transport parked in the same manner as in photo #2. It is not obstructing the lane and there is still approximately three and one-half feet to the building. LAMBERT's garage is on the right as indicated by the red arrow.

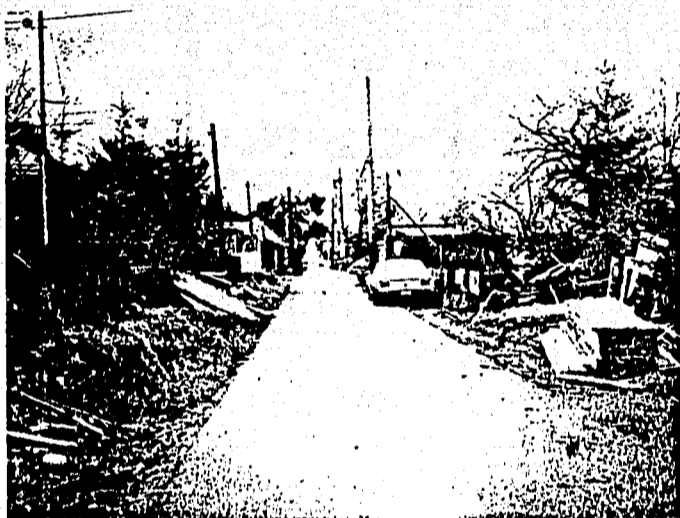


PHOTO #4:

For general information. Shows the unsightly lane as you enter Ellesmere off Pandora in the block in which LAMBERT lives.