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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	12
COUNCIL MEETING 1978 02 13	

Re: TRAPPING OF WILD ANIMALS

The following report from the Chief Licence Inspector contains information on an inquiry that was raised by Council on 1978 January 30.

This is for the information of Council.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

1978 February 08

FROM: CHIEF LICENCE INSPECTOR

SUBJECT: TRAPPING OF WILD ANIMALS

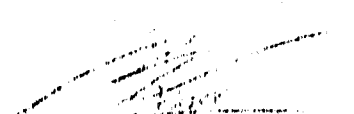
At the meeting of 1978 January 30, Council requested a report on trapping of wild animals such as beaver and muskrat in Still Creek.

Recently, S.P.C.A. employees of the Corporation's animal shelter released a beaver from a trap in Still Creek between Sperling Avenue and Douglas Road. This animal was turned over to the Provincial Department of Fish and Wildlife and they returned it to its natural habitat. The trap was impounded.

The Wildlife Service advises that persons trapping wild animals must be in possession of a valid Provincial Trappers Licence. Licencees must qualify through knowledge and experience. The type of trap used and the regularity with which they are tended is governed. The Provincial Licence does not authorize a licencee to enter upon private or Municipal lands. A complaint of trespassing may result in suspension of the licence.

An investigation of this trapping is being conducted by the Wildlife Service and they advise that if the person responsible is apprehended the appropriate action will be initiated. Patrol of Still Creek by Wildlife and S.P.C.A. personnel revealed several apparent trap sites, all of which have been abandoned. It is the opinion of both agencies that trapping is not currently being conducted. The S.P.C.A. further advises that no other case of wild animal trapping in the Municipality has come to their attention.

Submitted for the information of Council.


P. A. Kenzie
CHIEF LICENCE INSPECTOR

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cc. Municipal Treasurer