

RE: LETTER FROM MRS. LOIS HARRISON WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA  
FOR THE 1978 NOVEMBER 14 MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 4k)  
REFUSE PICK-UP AT 7088 MERRITT AVENUE AND TAXES

Appearing on last week's agenda was a letter from Mrs. Lois Harrison regarding taxes and a failure on the part of the municipality to pick up refuse from her residential property on Merritt Avenue. Attached is a report from the Municipal Engineer on the latter of these two concerns.

In accordance with the policy of Council, the Municipal Treasurer has written directly to Mrs. Harrison with respect to her concerns involving taxation. Following are two excerpts from his letter which answers specific statements that were contained in her correspondence:

"The garbage pick-up to which you refer was a bill for Harrison Sheet Metal for the months of June, July, August, and September for \$11.00, which remained unpaid as at 1977 December 31. By-law #6686 requires that any refuse charges in arrears that remain unpaid as at December 31 will be transferred to taxes in arrears. You were notified this charge would be placed on the tax account if unpaid by 1977 December 31 on 1977 December 01."

"The 12% interest to which you refer in your letter is not interest at all. This surcharge is comprised of penalties which are assessed as follows on outstanding taxes:

At the close of business on 1978 July 05	- 1%
1978 August 02	- 2%
1978 September 06	- 3%
1978 October 03	- 4%

These penalties are cumulative.

The penalties on the above property were assessed as follows:

Taxes owing 1978 July 05	\$1,255.64
1% penalty addition	12.56
	<u>1,268.20</u>
2% penalty addition	25.36
	<u>1,293.56</u>
3% penalty addition	38.81
	<u>1,332.37</u>
4% penalty addition	53.29
	<u><u>\$1,385.66</u></u>

Your payment of \$1,385.66 was processed today."

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mrs. Lois Harrison, 7088 Merritt Avenue, Burnaby, B.C. V5J 4R6

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