

Re: LETTER FROM THE CITY OF VANCOUVER  
453 WEST 12TH AVENUE, VANCOUVER  
B.C. TELEPHONE BUILDING - EMPLOYEE PARKING

Appearing on the agenda for the 1978 April 24 meeting of Council is a letter from Mr. D. H. Little, Vancouver City Clerk, regarding employee parking relative to the B. C. Telephone Company headquarters site at Kingsway and Boundary Road. Following is a report from the Director of Planning on this matter.

We believe that the recent telephone strike and then Mayor Constable's absence due to illness has prevented him from meeting with officials of the company. It is not known at this time when the Mayor will return to work, but because he is thoroughly conversant with the situation and has expressed an interest in it, it would be appropriate to defer meetings with the company or the City of Vancouver for a while longer. As an alternative, it is suggested that the appropriate course of action would be to wait until we are informed as to when the Mayor is expected to return to work; if it is to be within a month or so, this matter can then be left in abeyance for his personal involvement - if the expected date of return is of longer duration, the matter can be referred to the Acting Mayor for his attention and necessary follow-up.

In the first paragraph of Mr. Little's letter is a reference to a conversation between Mrs. J. Thomas and our Clerk. This conversation was related to the City's request for an acknowledgment to its referral of a previous letter to us on the parking problems relative to the telephone company. When the Municipal Clerk advised that we had not received the earlier correspondence on this matter, the City proceeded to send to us the letter that appears on the agenda.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Vancouver City Council with a request that a meeting with its Transportation Committee be deferred until we can determine when Mayor Constable will be returning to work from an absence due to illness.

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT 166  
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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER  
FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING  
SUBJECT: B.C. TELEPHONE BUILDING -  
EMPLOYEE PARKING

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Reference the letter from the Clerk of the City of Vancouver dated 1978 April 12.

Special consideration was given to the parking needs of the B.C. Telephone Co. at the time of the rezoning, particularly from the point of view of encouraging greater use of public transportation as a means of access not only to the B.C. Telephone Office building, but also to the Metrotown area as a whole.

This objective is supported by the GVRD, and several meetings have been held with B.C. Hydro and GVRD staff in order to further this objective.

It was recognized that part of the overall question of encouraging public transit is that of reducing car travel, and therefore based upon a detailed report from Zoltan Kuun, P. Eng., a Transportation Consultant, dated 1974 July 15, the Municipal Council through the use of CD zoning, determined an appropriate standard for B.C. Telephone subject to certain actions being taken by the B.C. Telephone Co.


These actions included incentive measures to encourage car pooling, and the use of public transit, and also included an agreement that if a parking problem developed which could be documented by the Municipality, then B.C. Telephone Co. would provide additional off-street parking on their site (this would of course defeat the longer range municipal objective of encouraging the use of public transit).

The current status of this subject is that Mayor T.W. Constable has familiarized himself with all the background material and plans to meet with Mr. G. MacFarlane, B.C. Telephone Co. President, to determine the success or otherwise of their measures to encourage greater use of public transit, and the extent to which they have implemented the consultant's recommendations.

It is the opinion of the Planning Department that all possible ways and means of providing improved public transit should be researched and implemented where feasible, rather than giving in to the simple expedient of providing more off-street parking.

I would suggest that under the circumstances, a joint meeting with Vancouver should await the results of Mayor Constable's meeting with B.C. Telephone Co. officials.

This is for the information of Council.

  
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