

ITEM 10
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 66
COUNCIL MEETING 1979 10 01

RE: FIRE DAMAGED HOUSE AT 3776 ALBERT STREET
(ITEM 9, REPORT NO. 62, 1979 SEPTEMBER 17)

The agenda for the 1979 September 17 meeting of Council contained reports from the Chief - Fire Operations and the Officer-in-Charge of the R.C.M.P. on investigations involving a fire damaged house at 3776 Albert Street. Council, during discussion of this matter, pointed out that the two reports contained conflicting information with respect to the issuance of a demolition order. Following is the discrepancy in question:

The report from the Officer-in-Charge indicated that on 1979 August 24, a valid "Demolition Order" was on display in the premises, whereas the report from the Chief - Fire Operations indicated that the Order was issued by the Fire Prevention Bureau on 1979 August 28.

The circumstances that led to the inaccurate referral of information to Council two weeks ago is contained in the following report from the Officer-in-Charge.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the report of the Officer-in-Charge, R.C.M.P., Burnaby Detachment, be received for information purposes.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER BBY 34480/89
FROM: O. I/C BURNABY DET. R.C.M.P. 79-09-25
RE: FIRE AT 3776 ALBERT STREET, 79-08-25

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT this report be received for information purposes.

REPORT

Reference my report on the fire at 3776 Albert Street, dated 79-09-12, the comment in paragraph 1, "There was a valid Demolition Order" attached to an interior wall and the ex-tenant advised he had permission from Bosa Brothers (owner) to demolish the residence", is incorrect. I misinterpreted the investigator's report wherein he stated there was a "Demolition Permit" attached to an interior wall. I interpreted "Demolition Permit" to mean "Demolition Order", which was in fact, a memorandum from Bosa Brothers addressed to the occupants advising them to vacate the residence as it was destined to be demolished.

The quote in the report is incorrect. The order to "secure or demolish" the building was issued by the Fire Prevention Bureau to the owner (Bosa Brothers Construction Limited) on 79-08-28. I have clarified this point with the Chief, Fire Operations.

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