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Re: LETTER FROM MR. JOSEPH W. PAGE WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE 1979 MAY 28 MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 5a)
 UNSIGHTLY PREMISES, EMISSIONS OF SMOKE AND ODOUR AND OTHER COMPLAINTS INVOLVING BURNABY METAL RECYCLING

Appearing on the agenda two weeks ago was a letter from Mr. Joseph W. Page, a copy of which is attached.

Reports on investigations which were carried out by the Chief Public Health Inspector and the Municipal Engineer are attached. The Director of Fire Services advises as follows:

"Assistant Chief Fire Prevention Officer A.W.T. Bridge, following Mr. J. W. Page's written complaint, inspected Burnaby Metal Recycling premises and questioned the owner, Mr. Clark, on 1979 May 23.

This inspection failed to reveal positive evidence that Mr. Clark had burned insulation surrounding copper wire. However, Assistant Chief Fire Prevention Officer Bridge, having witnessed the equipment used to melt scrap lead and scrap aluminum into ingots as part of the recycling process, was of the opinion that the process produced quantities of smoke and accompanying odours which would be objectionable in a built-up area.

At no time were there any conditions encountered during the inspection which could be construed as creating a fire hazard. Therefore, no further action was taken by the Fire Prevention Bureau other than to warn the owner, Mr. Clark, not to burn insulated wire during the recycling process."

The traffic hazards which allegedly are caused by the firm's operational activities have been referred to the R.C.M.P. This type of follow up is generally of a routine nature and will not be the subject of a further report unless Council gives specific direction to do so.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. J. W. Page, 6850 MacPherson Street, Burnaby, B. C., V5J 4N1.

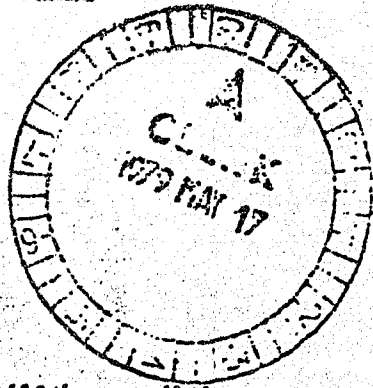
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CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS
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6850 McPherson Avenue
 Burnaby, B.C.
 V5J 4N1
 1979-05-12



The Burnaby Municipal Council
 4749 Canada Way
 Burnaby, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

I would like to draw your attention to the unsafe and filthy conditions which prevail on the streets of Imperial and Lane. This is being brought about by the permitted operation of a junkyard between these two streets.

This business, called "Burnaby Metal Recycling", is being allowed to operate at this location, creating a serious traffic hazard by their continued unloading of trucks of junk from the east bound lane. This operation completely blocks this lane to car traffic and also blocks the view to safe driving. Any pedestrian using this route, through lack of sidewalks, is at the mercy of car traffic and badly handled junk. As you must realize, this street is a heavy connector for traffic between Kingsway and McPherson.

The company totally disregards the pedestrian traffic on the north sidewalk of Imperial by the backing of trucks into the yard, then stopping and blocking this sidewalk to people walking. Of course, there is never any attempt to clean the rust, dirt or grease left behind so people have to walk through it.

It was rather interesting to receive a street improvement plan for McPherson Avenue for curbs, sidewalk and trees when this adjacent firm is allowed to, with its broken fence, store junk on its boulevard for its entire length right up to the road edge of Lane Street. In fact, they are encroaching on their neighbour's boulevard.

To make matters worse, even though the G.V.R.D. Smoke Inspector has ordered them to stop burning, they still have an occasional fire which, by the smell, seems like the removing of insulation from electrical wiring.

This is being carried on when all businesses are being expected to landscape their property. I often wonder what the restaurant and surrounding property owners think of this eyesore.

A suggestion: A picture of this place should be placed on Burnaby's letterhead and then call us the "Junk Municipality".

- AGENDA 1979 05 28

- COPY-MANAGER

- CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR (FOR REPORT)

- ENGINEER (FOR REPORT)

- CHIEF LICENSE INSPECTOR

- TREASURER

c.c. Burnaby Metal Recycling.

- PLANNER

Sincerely,

J. W. Page

(JOSEPH W. PAGE)

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 79 06 06
FROM: CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
RE: UNSIGHTLY PREMISES AND EMISSION OF SMOKE AND ODOUR
BURNABY METAL RECYCLING, 5625 IMPERIAL STREET, BURNABY

RECOMMENDATION

THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to Mr. J.W. Page,
6850 MacPherson Street, Burnaby, B.C., V5J 4N1.

REPORT

Further to the above-noted subject, we would submit the following information.

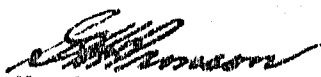
We are in agreement with the statement made by Mr. Page that the area complained of is unsightly. We have also forwarded a letter to the Greater Vancouver Regional District, Air Quality Control, requesting investigation into smoke or odour emissions that are alleged to originate on this property from time-to-time. (Copy attached).

The 53/5600 Block Lane Street has been of concern to this Department. On 1979 February 12, seven (7) business establishments were found to be in contravention of the Burnaby Unsightly Premises By-law #5533 by either storing materials on the boulevard or alternatively, by unsatisfactory storage within the boundaries of their property. The owners or occupants of these properties were requested to bring their properties or the boulevard adjacent to their property into compliance with the said By-law. All complied, with the exception of Burnaby Metal Recycling, although one of the establishments which had complied reverted to their original practise of storing materials in an unsatisfactory manner both on their property and the Municipal boulevard. A letter requesting compliance with the Burnaby Unsightly Premises By-law #5533 was hand-delivered to the occupants of this property on 1979 June 05 and a copy of the notice forwarded to the owners addressed Edmonton, Alberta. The unsightly condition on the boulevard was referred to the Engineering Department for their action under the Burnaby Street and Traffic By-law #4299.

CONCLUSION

It is our understanding that the Engineering Department is dealing with the condition of the Municipal boulevard adjacent to Burnaby Metal Recycling under the authority of the Burnaby Street and Traffic By-law #4299.

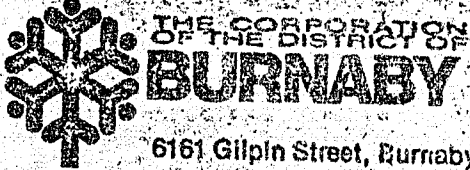
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Atts:


G.H. Armson, C.P.H.I. (C)
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

c.c. () Municipal Engineer

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6161 Gilpin Street, Burnaby, B.C. V5G 4A3

Health Department

Environmental Health

Telephone (604) 294-7390

1979 June 05

Our File: 17-7-79.

F.R. Bunnell, P. Eng.,
Director,
Air Pollution Control,
Greater Vancouver Regional District,
2294 West 10th Avenue,
Vancouver, B.C.
V6K 2H9.

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MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S
OFFICE

Dear Sir:

Re: BURNABY METAL RECYCLING
5625 Imperial Street
Burnaby, B.C.

With reference to the above-noted Company, we would advise that this Department is in receipt of a written complaint listing several objections to the manner in which the operation is conducted.

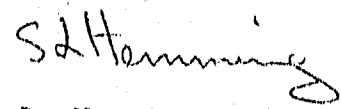
One of the complaints refers to salvaging of electrical wiring. The paragraph pertaining to this subject reads as follows:

"to make matters worse, even though the G.V.R.D. Smoke Inspector has ordered them to stop burning, they still have an occasional fire which by the smell, seems like the removing of insulation from electrical wiring."

We would appreciate any information from your investigation of the above-noted complaint in order that we may complete our report to Municipal Council. In the meantime, we, in conjunction with other Municipal Departments, will be proceeding with an investigation of the other items of complaint.

We would take this opportunity of thanking you for your continued co-operation in matters relating to air pollution.

Yours truly,



S.L. Hemming, M.B., D.P.H., F.R.C.P. (C)
MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICER

GHA:GVH:pm

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RE: 1979 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Following is a report from the Municipal Engineer on five projects that are proposed for inclusion in the 1979 Local Improvement Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

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1. THAT the recommendation of the Municipal Engineer be adopted.

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 79 04 10
 FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER
 SUBJECT: 1979 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the five projects forming the subject of this report be approved for construction and that the appropriate Construction Bylaws be brought forward.

REPORT

At the Council Meeting of 79 04 09, the Municipal Clerk presented a Certificate of Sufficiency for this Program. In this Certificate were five projects which were lacking in one of the two criteria required for project defeat by abutting property owners. They were:

- Project #78-023 - Grimmer Street from Royal Oak Avenue to eastern property line of east half of Lot 16.
- Project #78-024 - Parker Street from Boundary Road to Douglas Road.
- Project #78-037 - Lane Street from Royal Oak to Kingsway.
- Project #78-042 - MacPherson Avenue from Rumble Street to south property line of Lot 42.
- Project #78-043 - Gilley Avenue from Kingsway to Rumble Street.

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