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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	20
COUNCIL MEETING	79 03 12

Re: LETTER FROM MRS. L. deGRAAF WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE  
1979 MARCH 05 MEETING OF COUNCIL (4d)  
TREE PRESERVATION AND UNSIGHTLINESS OF PREMISES AND A PARK RAVINE

Appearing on last week's agenda was a letter from Mrs. L. de Graaf containing an objection to any attempt on the part of the Municipality to regulate the removal of trees from private property. Her letter also called attention to conditions that she considered to be unsightly relative to a ravine and a private property.

Following are comments from the Parks and Recreation Administrator regarding Mrs. De Graaf's referral to an unsightly ravine:

"Mrs. de Graaf's property abuts Gray Creek Ravine Park. The present policy for the maintenance of the south slope ravine parks is as follows:

1. Regular check on main water course for removal of obstructions.
2. Removal of any trees considered dangerous which abut private property, trails, etc.

Otherwise ravines are left in their natural conditions and present policy and budget do not allow for removal of trees and ground covers for any other reasons.

Our Grounds Maintenance staff attempted to contact Mrs. de Graaf several times by telephone and by site visit but were unable to do so. The site visit revealed no conditions requiring attention at this time.

We will contact Mrs. L. de Graaf to ensure that her complaint does not fall within the existing policy."

Attached is a report from the Chief Public Health Inspector regarding Mrs. de Graaf's complaint involving an unsightly premises.

It will be recalled that Council, on 1979 February 19, adopted the following recommendation:

- "1. THAT Council authorize the Director of Planning to introduce into the Departmental work program a study of the available legislative means to effect a tree preservation program in the Municipality and alternative methods of implementation, which would be the subject of a future report to Council."

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mrs. L. de Graaf, 7990 Gray Avenue, Burnaby, V5J 4A1, and that an accompanying letter advise that she will be forwarded a copy of the report on tree preservation following its consideration by Council in the future.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER  
FROM: CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR  
RE: TREE PRESERVATION IN BURNABY  
LETTER FROM MRS. L. de GRAAF  
7990 GRAY AVENUE, BURNABY

1979 March 05

RECOMMENDATION

THAT this report be received as information for Council.

REPORT

Further to that portion of the letter as received from Mrs. de Graaf and referring to unsightly premises, we would advise as follows.

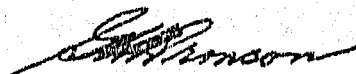
Inspection of the area reveals that Mrs. de Graaf's statement is quite correct in that we did locate an unused collapsed chicken shelter that certainly constitutes a contravention of the Unsightly Premises By-law 1969, No. 5533.

We have forwarded a Return Registered Letter requesting that this property be brought into conformity with the Unsightly Premises By-law on or before 1979 April 09. It is our intention to proceed with appropriate action under the authority of the Unsightly Premises By-law should this property not be brought into conformity with the said By-law.

This property would have been observed during routine inspections were it not for the fact that the collapsed chicken shelter is rather inconspicuous from all but one dead-end residential street. Viewed from this location, it is unsightly to the point that it is rather difficult to understand why the premises had not been reported.

We are proceeding with the elimination of this unsightly condition and unless difficulty is encountered in finalizing the matter, we will not be forwarding a further report.

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