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The number of surveys has decreased and field progress has slowed due to vacation absence, and because of an increasing volume of office work associated with letters, notices and court documentation.

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The Housing Inspector reports that although the housing inspection program continues to receive strong public support, some of those persons found in violation are now initiating delaying tactics by instructing tenants not to allow the Inspector to enter the building. This is generally overcome by writing letters and making appointments, but some loss of time is incurred. The absence of occupants, and the refusal of owners to claim registered mail from the Burnaby Building Department, creates minor difficulty in a few cases.

Positive results of the housing survey to date are becoming evident in the following ways:

1. Increasing number of persons observing the Notices and bringing former non-conforming premises into conformity. This is observed by an increasing number of permits being sought to record lawful use of basements or other areas previously finished without benefit of building permit.
2. An increasing awareness by the public of the housing survey. This is particularly noticed in discussion with tenants.
3. An increasing number of reports from private persons to the Housing Inspector to check on alleged housing infractions.
4. More inquiries by mortgage companies to the Housing Inspector checking on status of single- and two-family dwellings prior to placing mortgages thereon.

The foregoing is submitted for the information of Council.



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