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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	47
COUNCIL MEETING	1979 07 03

RE: LETTER FROM AGAPE FORCE (CANADA)
10532 - 83rd STREET, EDMONTON
FUND RAISING CANVASS
(ITEM 11, REPORT NO. 56, 1978 AUGUST 14)

On the agenda for the 1979 June 25 meeting of Council appeared a request from Agape Force (Canada) for permission to collect donations from residents in Burnaby during the period 1979 September 01-30.

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT the recommendations of the Chief Licence Inspector be adopted.

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1979 June 28

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: CHIEF LICENCE INSPECTOR
RE: FUND RAISING CANVASS

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT no appeals or fund raising campaigns be approved for dates overlapping the United Way Appeal; and
2. THAT Council not endorse the request of Agape Force (Canada) to conduct a door-to-door fund raising canvass.

REPORT

At the meeting of 1979 June 25, Council received a request from Agape Force (Canada) to conduct a door-to-door fund raising canvass throughout the Municipality from 1979 September 01 to 30.

It should be recalled that this organization made a similar request in 1978. Council received Item 11, Report No. 56, copy attached, and took no action.

In 1978, they intended to canvass door-to-door and on the street. This year, they propose to go door-to-door only.

The activities of this organization do not constitute the operation of a business, therefore a Municipal licence is not required.

The Burnaby Street and Traffic By-law 1961, No. 4299, Section 24(6) reads:

"No person shall hold a tag day or otherwise solicit for donations of money or in kind or for material assistance upon any street, except with written permission of the Council."

The Municipal Solicitor has determined that the by-law does not have application to persons who canvass or solicit door-to-door. Further, Council is only empowered to enact regulations governing such activities when they are conducted on a highway only.

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Contact with Mr. John Follows, at their Edmonton office, determined:

1. Fund raising will be conducted throughout the Greater Vancouver area. In Burnaby, it will be door-to-door only.
2. Proceeds from canvassing and other sources are used for:
 - rehabilitation programs. Included in this activity is the operation of a farm located in the Edmonton area where persons seeking help for drug addiction or alcoholism are accommodated.
 - to establish a proposed school for the training of their members in missionary fellowship and counselling.
 - living and travel expenses of canvassers and counsellors, and a monthly allowance or \$25.00 to \$120.00, based on an individual's length of service.
 - their Christian Outreach program. This involves taking their religious program into the community via local groups and organizations. They propose to conduct this program in the Greater Vancouver area during the Fall of this year.
 - donations to other registered charitable organizations.
3. Canvassers and counsellors are full-time members of the organization.
4. Record albums are given if a contribution is \$10.00 or more. For lesser amounts, contributors receive religious pamphlets.
5. They operate from rented premises in the Edmonton area. This is their Canadian headquarters. They propose to build their own facilities in the Calgary area. The parent body of the organization is located in Texas and they operate facilities in California also.
6. At this time, they do not propose to develop facilities or provide programs in the Municipality or the Greater Vancouver area, except the Christian Outreach service mentioned in item 2.

A copy of the organization's financial statement to 1978 December 31 is available at the Municipal Clerk's office.

With respect to their rehabilitation programs for drug addiction, or alcoholism, such services are provided in B.C. through the Provincial Government and by other organizations with facilities located locally.

It is of concern that the dates of the proposed canvass are overlapping the United Way Appeal, which is regularly conducted during the months of September and October. Of further concern is that Agape Force (Canada) does not intend to provide facilities that would be available to the community. Based on these concerns, it is recommended that Council not endorse the request of Agape Force (Canada) to conduct a door-to-door fund raising canvass.


P. Kenzie
CHIEF LICENCE INSPECTOR

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Attach.

cc. Municipal Treasurer
Municipal Solicitor

RE: LETTER FROM AGAPE FORCE (CANADA)
10532 - 83 STREET, EDMONTON
FUND RAISING CANVASS

ITEM	11
MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	56
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Appearing on the agenda for the 1978 August 14 meeting of Council is a request from the Director of Agape Force (Canada) for permission to collect donations from residents in Burnaby during the latter half of August and the first week in September.

This is for the information of Council.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

1978 August 09

FROM: CHIEF LICENCE INSPECTOR

RE: FUND RAISING CANVASS

Appearing on Council's agenda for the meeting of 1978 August 14 is correspondence from AGAPE FORCE CANADA, advising their intention to present their program of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to conduct a door to door canvass of the Municipality to solicit donations to support their activities.

The organization is registered with the Federal Government as a non-profit group. Therefore, a municipal business licence is not required.

The Office of the Registrar of Societies advises that B.C. provincial registration is not required.

Burnaby Street and Traffic By-Law 1961 No. 4299, Section 24 (6) reads

"No person shall hold a Tag Day or otherwise solicit for donations of money or in kind or for material assistance upon any street except with written permission of the Council."

The Municipal Solicitor advises that this section is applicable to the fund raising activities of this organization.

Contact with Arlene Schultz, Secretary of Agape Force Canada determined:

1. That Edmonton is their Canadian headquarters.
2. During approximately one year of operating a farm in the Edmonton area an estimated fifty men have participated in their rehabilitation program. In part this program comprises of work therapy and counselling in a setting that is removed from disturbing or undesirable influence for persons who are attempting rehabilitation from such as drug addiction or alcoholism.

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COUNCIL MEETING 1978 08 14~~

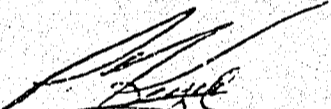
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3. Proceeds from fund raising campaigns are used mainly for the Edmonton based facility and to further their Christian Youth Ministry. It is the practice of the organization to contribute between ten and twenty percent of their funds to other non-profit groups. No local rehabilitation facilities or other services are planned at this time, however, residents of any area are eligible to participate at the facilities in Alberta. At some future date they may conduct "Childrens' Crusades" or streetside services based on their religious practices. Canvassing is performed by unpaid volunteers receiving a living and travel allowance.
4. Persons making donations will receive a record album if they give a minimum amount of \$8.00. For lesser amounts they will receive Christian literature phamplets.
5. Each canvasser will carry the appropriate identification.
6. Similar fund raising drives are planned for the Greater Vancouver and Victoria areas.

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The Vancouver Better Business Bureau advises that the parent body of this organization is located in Lindell, Texas, and was incorporated on 1971 February 02.

Submitted for the information of Council.


P. A. Kenzie
CHIEF LICENSE INSPECTOR

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c.c. Municipal Treasurer
Municipal Solicitor