

RE: TENDERS FOR HEATING AND VENTILATING RENOVATIONS  
FOR JAMES COWAN CENTRE

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.

REPORT

Appearing on this week's agenda is a request from Mr. G. W. Bromley, President of Westgate Mechanical Contractors Limited, to have the Municipality accept his second lowest tender for the subject project because his business and place of residence are located in Burnaby.

The correspondence from Mr. Bromley states that Black and McDonald Ltd., the lowest bidder, "has its head office in Ontario and a field office at 1026 Auckland Avenue, New Westminster, and has been in business in B.C. for the last two or three years". Because the matter has been raised in this manner, it is appropriate for Council to be given the following information on this firm's background:

1. Full business address:

Black & McDonald Limited  
1026 Auckland Street  
New Westminster, B.C.

2. Ownership

The firm formerly operated for many years in New Westminster under the name of ICR Electric Limited. The previous owners were Mr. Jim Beck, an ex-Burnaby Municipal employee who is now deceased, and Mr. Donn Topp. The latter is now the local manager of Black & McDonald, and resides in Burnaby at 3382 Lealand Court.

Ownership changed in 1978. The name of the firm was changed from ICR Electric Limited to Black & McDonald Limited at the same time.

3. Hiring Policy

All employees required for work on the project would be hired through the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 213 and Plumbers Local 170.

This is for the information of Council

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