

ITEM 16
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 67
COUNCIL MEETING 1979 10 09

RE: LETTER FROM MRS. I. A. DINSMORE,
7030 BRYANT COURT, BURNABY, B.C. V5E 1S9
BARRICADES - SPERLING AVENUE AND CANADA WAY AREA

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mrs. I. A. Dinsmore,
7030 Bryant Court, Burnaby, B.C. V5E 1S9.

REPORT

A. INTRODUCTION

Appearing on the agenda for the 1979 October 09 meeting of Council is a letter from Mrs. I. A. Dinsmore regarding the subject barricades.

B. BACKGROUND

A comment should be made on Mrs. Dinsmore's enquiry about whether the fire, police and ambulance services have a key to gain access to the barricaded area via the locked gate at Sperling and Canada Way. Following are the relevant facts regarding this matter:

1. The police and ambulance services do not have a key to the gate.
2. The fire department has a standard key. This key opens the metal box which is secured to the gate. The box contains another key which is then used to unlock the gate.
3. The fire department uses its standard key to open the gates that serve as barricades at Sperling/Canada Way and Mayfield/Canada Way, and also to gain access to highrise apartments and other types of high density developments in Burnaby.

C. CURRENT STATUS

On 1979 October 01, Council directed that the Greater Vancouver Regional District be requested to study the feasibility of establishing a system which would result in the standardization of locks on all barricades throughout the Lower Mainland. An acknowledgment to this request is expected in the very near future.

The Director of Fire Services has been concerned about the situation in which his department's standard key opens not only gate barricades, but permits access to apartment buildings as well. His department's desire to retain exclusive use of this key is justified on the basis that its possession by other agencies could seriously impair the security that must be maintained with respect to apartment buildings. Although no arrangement has yet been finalized, some discussion has taken place in an effort to produce a common key for barricades in Burnaby which would be different than the common key that is used to gain access to apartment buildings. The objective in this regard is to make available to the fire, police and ambulance services a common key to open gates when responding to calls for assistance within a barricaded area, and at the same time, to have the fire department retain exclusive possession of the common key that is now used for entry into apartment buildings.

D. SUMMARY

Efforts are now under way to ensure that each of the emergency services has a common key with which to open locks on gates that limit access to an area. Staff will follow-up to ensure that this matter is concluded as soon as possible because regardless of what action Council may take with regard to the gate at Sperling/Canada Way, it is recognized that there is a gate at another location and it would be desirable to have some type of system to cover any future installations as well.

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