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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	68
COUNCIL MEETING	1980 11 03

RE: LETTER FROM MRS. J. FULTON WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE  
1980 OCTOBER 27 MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 5d)  
PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH DOGS AT LARGE

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Following is a report from the Chief Public Health Inspector in response to a letter from Mrs. J. Fulton which appeared on the agenda for the 1980 October 27 meeting of Council.

The SPCA has visited Mrs. Fulton and arrangements have been made to increase patrols in the area where she resides.

With respect to Mrs. Fulton's reference to illegal parking on the Lougheed Highway in the vicinity of the "swap-meet", parking by-laws here and throughout Burnaby are continually enforced, subject of course, to traffic priorities and availability of manpower at any given time. The RCMP advise that on some Sundays as many as 100 tickets are issued in the "swap-meet" area for various types of parking offences.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Chief Public Health Inspector be adopted.

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1980 October 29

Our File: 20-1-80

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

SUBJECT: LETTER OF COMPLAINT FROM MRS. J. FULTON,  
3175 SMITH AVENUE, BURNABY, B.C., V5G 2S8  
REGARDING PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH DOGS AT LARGE

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to Mrs. J. Fulton,  
3175 Smith Avenue, Burnaby, B.C., V5G 2S8.

REPORT

On 1980 May 05, this Department received a letter from Mrs. J. Fulton, 3175 Smith Avenue, Burnaby, regarding the number of dogs running at large, the amount of dog faeces on Municipal properties and an overgrown ditch adjacent to her residence,

On 1980 May 06, the District Public Health Inspector visited Mrs. J. Fulton, advising her that there are currently no regulations which would require animal owners to remove animal faeces from public properties (ditches, parks, etc.) Perusal of the areas of concern to Mrs. Fulton revealed no noticeable accumulation of animal faeces. The District Public Health Inspector requested the Engineering Department to clean the ditch in question, as it was overgrown and holding standing water. This request was immediately attended to.

Mrs. Fulton was requested to advise this Department of specific addresses of animal owners who were routinely allowing their dogs to defecate on public properties. As with other similar complaints, this Department upon notification will contact the concerned animal owners and request their cooperation in refraining from permitting their pets to defecate on public properties. If the animal is reported continually at large, we will liaise with the Licence Department or S.P.C.A. for proper by-law enforcement.

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Upon receipt of Mrs. Fulton's recent letter, received 1980 October 20, a further inspection was conducted in the areas of concern. Although Mrs. Fulton's boulevard is subjected to dogs defecating, the other areas mentioned were not observed to be suffering from noticeable accumulations of animal faeces. Mrs. Fulton was again requested to provide this Department with specific addresses of animal owners who are permitting their dogs to defecate on public properties. Mrs. Fulton has recently submitted two addresses of animal owners for the District Public Health Inspector to contact.

The problem of animal wastes on public properties, particularly parks, playing fields, school grounds and bathing beaches, is common to urban communities such as Burnaby. Currently, the Environmental Health, Parks and Recreation and Licence Departments are discussing possible measures that could effectively help reduce the amount of animal droppings which routinely occur in the afore-mentioned public areas. Upon completion of this study, a further report with recommendations will be forwarded to Municipal Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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cc: Parks and Recreation Administrator  
Chief Licence Inspector