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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	50
COUNCIL MEETING 1980 08	05

RE: LETTER FROM MR. WILFRED YORSTON
 1111 YORSTON COURT, BURNABY, B.C. V5A 2T8
PARKING SITUATION ADJACENT TO THE BURNABY GENERAL HOSPITAL

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. Wilfred Yorston,
 1111 Yorston Court, Burnaby, B.C. V5A 2T8.

REPORT

Appearing on the agenda for the August 05 meeting of Council is a letter from Mr. Wilfred Yorston. A copy of his letter which Council received and referred to the Burnaby Hospital Board on June 17 is attached for convenient reference.

Mr. Yorston in his current letter advises that the final notice "does not seem compatible with our former correspondence". In a conversation with him, it was learned that this is a reference to the fact that the Municipality has not explained or justified to his satisfaction why "residents only" parking restrictions were put into effect near the hospital.

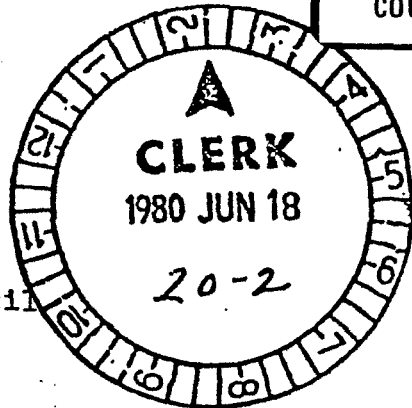
By way of background information, the posting of the "residential parking only" in the subject area was approved by Council at its meeting of 1978 July 31 as the result of a recommendation from the Traffic and Safety Committee. The Traffic and Safety Committee's unanimous decision to recommend a complete posting of the area to resident parking was in response to a delegation from the Cascade Heights Residents Association who were concerned with the parking use of the streets by visitors to, and the staff of the Burnaby General Hospital.

In conclusion, the residential area in the vicinity of the hospital is unlike most other neighbourhoods in that it is regularly subjected to heavy volumes of traffic and persons seeking a place to park. The Municipality received complaints from the residents on a number of occasions over the years, and in July of 1978, imposed the parking restrictions that are presently in effect. With respect to Mr. Yorston's ticket, it is suggested that he immediately proceed to pay the related fine if he has not already done so.

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Wilfred Yorston
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June 17/80

Mayor and Council
Municipal Hall
Burnaby

Gentlemen:-

Attached is a parking ticket placed on my car while my wife attended Burnaby General Hospital. The parking space in question is not under a general parking ban, but one specifically in favor of certain Burnaby residents only.

Observation reveals neither public safety or health is involved so justification must be the convenience of local residents and/or reinforcement of a parking monopoly granted to US based Metro Parking Corporation.

I regard neither reason as legally valid. I grant parking on the residential streets adjacent the hospital can be a nuisance, but that must have been anticipated by those residents when settling there.

Those who find the practise intolerable are free to move, or to press for a suitable solution. Like all other residents they are supposed to provide off-street parking for their own vehicles, so the street parking is only visually annoying, not their necessity.

Like all roads in the municipality those in question have been constructed in part with my tax dollars, contributed over the last fifty years. To discriminate against me in favor of other Burnaby residents, there or anywhere else in Burnaby, is beyond the legal power of Burnaby Council. I bitterly resent an attempted application ~~in~~ of the term "second class citizen".

If that is not the intent of the council, may I suggest the following changes.

Abolish all discriminatory parking provisions, and leave Metro Parking open to competition.

Alternatively, make the present parking ban apply to all, and abolish the deal in force with Metro. Supply and attendant to supervise free parking on hospital parking lots. Should this last course be adopted there would probably prove little need for street parking bans.

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Wilfred Yorston