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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	34
COUNCIL MEETING	1980 05 05

Re: REQUEST FROM THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, BURNABY DETACHMENT, R.C.M.P. FOR COUNCIL TO OFFER A REWARD OF \$5,000.00 FOR INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURDER OF DONALD HARRY EVERETT OF BURNABY, B.C. ON 1978 AUGUST 17

Following is a report from the Officer-in-Charge, Burnaby Detachment, R.C.M.P. regarding the above subject.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the District of Burnaby offer a reward for \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murder of Donald Harry Everett, 39 years of age; and
2. THAT the reward be authorized under the conditions as outlined in the letter dated 1980 April 21 from Superintendent C.L. Thomas, Officer-in-Charge, Burnaby Detachment, R.C.M.P. addressed to the Municipal Manager in this regard; and
3. THAT the Justice Liaison Alderman act as the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee involved in the administration of the disbursement of all or part of the reward; and
4. THAT the Mayor be authorized to appoint the balance of the Committee members to administer this function.

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MEMORANDUM

NOTE DE SERVICE

TO A → The Municipal Manager,
Corporation of the District of Burnaby

FROM DE O. i/c Burnaby Detachment, R.C.M.P.

SUBJECT / OBJET Donald Harry EVERETT - Murder of Burnaby, B.C. 78 AUG 17

SECURITY - CLASSIFICATION - DE SÉCURITÉ
OUR FILE / NOTRE RÉFÉRENCE 28961/78 BP 1
YOUR FILE / VOTRE RÉFÉRENCE
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MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S

May consideration be given by Council to offer a reward of \$5,000.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murder of Donald Harry EVERETT, 39 years of age.

At approximately 01:18 hours, 78 AUG 17, the victim was shot and killed in a parking lot on Fell Street on the north side of Kensington Park, adjacent to Fellburn Private Hospital. Though police were alerted immediately by nurses on duty at the hospital, an unidentified vehicle, carrying the person(s) responsible, eluded police road blocks. Sources believe that his death was drug related.

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His immediate family included his mother, residing in Burnaby; and a brother in New Westminster.

In May, 1979, a shotgun believed to be the murder weapon was recovered. Though this weapon is new, police investigators have not been able to trace its origin or owner.

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Leads pointing to the persons responsible have surfaced; however, as this case is drug related, fear of reprisal has hindered, to a great extent, the extraction of information. It is felt that if a monetary reward is offered, these sources may shed their reluctance. Additionally, persons having knowledge as to the ownership of the murder weapon may be willing to come forward. I can personally confirm that all other avenues of investigation have been exhausted. In my opinion, this is now the only other possible avenue to pursue towards successfully concluding this case.

If a reward is authorized, the following conditions should apply:

1. The disbursement of all or part of the reward should be decided by an official committee approved for this purpose.
2. Only those persons who come forward and volunteer information to the police should be eligible for consideration of the reward.
3. Because of the possibility of reprisal, and more particularly amongst those involved in the illicit drug trade, the individuals supplying information, if requested, remain anonymous to all, other than the members of this Detachment and then only on a need-to-know basis.
4. The offer should expire after one year.

This is the first time a request of this nature has been made of the Corporation of the District of Burnaby and while it may set a precedent, I assure you such requests would be very infrequent in future. Requests of this nature would be on an individual basis and only if the circumstances surrounding the offence indicated a reward would bring forth information which would assist in the investigation.

It is not unusual for Municipal Governments to authorize their local police departments to offer rewards to assist in investigations in serious offences. This Detachment frequently receives Reward Notices from police departments, e.g. Montreal, Toronto, Halifax, Edmonton and Vancouver Police Departments. I am attaching a photocopy of a Reward Notice in the amount of \$5,000.00 issued by the Chief Constable, Vancouver Police Department. (not attached) MJS

Our investigators used a reward offered by Lumberland in the amount of \$5,000.00, most effectively in the investigation involving the murder of an employee of that company in January, 1976 resulting in the conviction of the three persons responsible for the murder. In this instance, the person who supplied the information resulting in the detection and conviction remained anonymous.

In instances where rewards are approved by Municipal Governments and it is found necessary to pay out the reward, then a committee should be appointed and naturally the Justice Liaison Alderman would be the Chairman or member of the committee to administer this function, with input from the police.

I appreciate considerable review by Council may be necessary in this regard. In the event further discussion or details are required, please feel free to contact me or Insp. L.R. Proke. We would be prepared to meet with you or members of Council, if necessary.

C. L. Thomas
(C.L. Thomas) Supt.
Officer in Charge Burnaby Detachment