

RE: LETTER FROM URBAN DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE PACIFIC REGION
C/O PETER HOGAN & ASSOCIATES LTD., 1409 BEWICKE AVENUE,
NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C. V7M 3C7
PERMISSION TO ALLOW REVIEW PROCESSES AND CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION
TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY CONSULTING ENGINEERING COMPANIES

The following report from the Municipal Engineer is in response to a letter from Mr. Peter F. Hogan, President of Urban Development Institute Pacific Region, which appears on the agenda for the 1981 February 02 meeting of Council.

Mr. Hogan in his letter suggests that Burnaby should make "... arrangements that were adopted successfully during the Delta strike some time ago." In Delta, the practice during the strike and under normal operating conditions is to have engineering consultants carry out inspections, and for such consultants to submit a document which certifies that the work was done according to standard. In other words, Delta doesn't use union employees to do this type of work. At Burnaby, however, the inspectional services are carried out by municipal employees who are members of the union, and Mr. Hogan's proposal, if implemented, would in all likelihood result in immediate picket action.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Municipal Engineer be adopted.

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

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FROM: MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

SUBJECT: ALLOWING REVIEW PROCESSES AND CONSTRUCTION
INSPECTION TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY CONSULTING
ENGINEERING COMPANIES

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the Corporation not accede to making arrangements to continue review processes and construction inspection by employing consulting engineering companies to perform these services during a strike.
2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. Peter F. Hogan, President, Urban Development Institute Pacific Region, 1409 Bewicke Avenue, North Vancouver, B.C., V7M 3C7.

SUMMARY:

The Urban Development Institute is requesting that the Corporation make arrangements to allow review processes and construction inspection to continue during a possible strike by the use of consulting engineering companies. It is not considered desirable to undertake such arrangements because this is work normally done entirely by Municipal employees who are members of Local 23.

REPORT:

Technically, it would be possible to allow the review process to continue and to inspect construction works by making arrangements with responsible consulting engineering companies to do such work. However, this course of action cannot be recommended because it would be making alternative outside arrangements to carry out work normally done entirely by Municipal forces who are members of Local 23, of the C.U.P.E. It is considered that the harm done in terms of long-term labour relations would far outweigh any short-term advantages.

In any event, it is highly questionable whether such arrangements would have any chance of working because almost all servicing contractors whose works would be inspected are unionized and in all likelihood employees of these contractors would not cross a C.U.P.E. picket line.


MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

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