

RE: PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF A MUNICIPALLY OWNED BUILDING  
PARCEL "E" EXPLANATORY PLAN 17224 OF LOTS 8, 9 AND 10,  
OF LOT 1, BLOCK 16 OF LOT 79, GROUP 1, PLAN 1554 NWD  
6375 ROBERTS STREET

The Officer-in-Charge, Burnaby Detachment, RCMP has considered the present availability of the subject building as a social center and advises as follows:

"The RCMP acknowledges receipt of the report prepared by the Municipal Solicitor in which the condition of the building was described. This report is to confirm that RCMP have relinquished all interest in acquiring this building for use as a social centre as there is no provision for securing funds to effect repairs to the extent now required. The RCMP is still interested in acquiring a residence for the purpose mentioned, should such a municipal building come available in the future."

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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October 19, 1981

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR

SUBJECT: DEMOLITION OF MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
PARCEL "E" (EXPLANATORY PLAN 17224) OF  
LOTS 8, 9 and 10, OF LOT 1, BLOCK 16 OF  
LOT 79, GROUP 1, PLAN 1554, NWD  
6375 ROBERTS STREET

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT building situated at 6375 Roberts Street, legal description as stated above, be demolished as soon as possible.

R E P O R T

The subject property was for many years leased to the Lower Mainland St. Leonard's Society for use as a halfway house for the rehabilitation for ex-criminal offenders. The original lease was executed on September 1, 1967 for a three year term, and had been renewed on a one year basis since that date for \$1 per year rent, and the taxes being paid by the Lower Mainland St. Leonard's Society.

This building was never in the best of condition but was quite adequate for the Society's needs. However, in March 1981 the Society tendered notice to vacate the premises, as they had been successful in locating a larger and more suitable house for their program. When they vacated at the end of March 1981, the

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the doors and windows in the house were locked and secured; they also notified the RCMP that the house was vacant.

Since this was the time when the Municipal strike was in progress it was hoped that the RCMP would be able to patrol and forestall any vandalism or break-ins on this building. However, since April 1, 1981 there have been no less than four break-ins to the premises with the result that our Maintenance Department had the building boarded up on these occasions, but without success, as the vandals have continued with their destruction. The last break-in was on the weekend of October 10-12th. Our Maintenance Department inspected the house on October 13th with the Carpenter Foreman and found the following:

1. Boarding ripped off basement windows;
2. Windows smashed;
3. North wall smashed out, interior wall smashed and exterior wallboards smashed;
4. Kitchen cabinets smashed and sink removed;
5. Basins and toilet smashed;
6. Electric panel stolen, wiring removed, etc.
7. Fire alarm system vandalized;
8. Holes punched into walls in basement, panels removed from basement ceiling.

Our maintenance crews have reboarded up this building for safety and our Building Department have now recommended that because the premises are beyond economic repair for future use and constitute an ongoing cost for maintenance and damage repair, they request that the building be demolished.

It was hoped that the property could have been leased to the RCMP for a social centre provided that the force members did the necessary repair work on the building which at that time were considerable and expensive. However, due to these break-ins and vandalism adding to the repairs, it is now absolutely beyond economic sense to repair this residence and we herewith, recommend Council approval for the demolition of the subject premises as soon as possible.

A copy of the Building Department's letter is attached.

RPA:gmc  
Attach.  
cc: Municipal Engineer  
Director of Planning  
Chief Building Inspector  
Municipal Treasurer



W. L. Stirling  
MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR



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Mr. W.L. Stirling  
MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR

Subject: 6375 Roberts Street, Burnaby  
Parcel "E", Expl. Plan 17224,  
SD 1, Blk. 16, DL 79, Plan 1554

The above-described Corporation premises suffered a break-in on the weekend of October 10 - 12. The attached report of G.A. McKellar, Building Maintenance Co-Ordinator, describes the damage inflicted in the premises.

It is our opinion that the premises are beyond economic repair for future habitable use and now only constitute an ongoing cost for maintenance and damage repair.

We would recommend you obtain Council authority to have the premises demolished as soon as possible.

MJJ:lm  
Enc.

c.c. G.A. McKellar, Building  
Maintenance Co-Ordinator

M.J. Jones  
CHIEF BUILDING INSPECTOR

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