

R E P O R T
Regular Council Meeting
1982 February 22

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

FILE: 1771

TO: MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

RE: BUS SHELTER DAMAGE

Madam and Gentlemen:

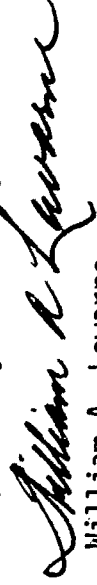
For some time it has been the concern of Council Members regarding the damage done to Seaboard's and Burnaby's bus shelters. There is no doubt that the shelters have been a great success with the bus riding public. There appears to be more vandalism of late. Because of this continued damage, I have done the following:

- (a) Determined from the Municipal Solicitor that we can legally offer a reward;
- (b) Contacted Seaboard Advertising and spoke with Mr. R.D. Sinclair, Vice-President of Outdoor Media, and asked if Seaboard would enter into a reward system. (see reply dated 1982 February 08). Mr. Sinclair has verbally advised that his firm will offer \$500 for information leading to a conviction involving damage to Seaboard's shelters;
- (c) Contacted the Engineering Department that it costs approximately \$200 to replace a pane of glass in a shelter;
- (d) Contacted the Municipal Manager to determine that the damage to municipal shelters is approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000 per annum;
- (e) Obtained input and suggestions from the RCMP (see memo dated 1982 February 15)

BASED ON THE ATTACHED INFORMATION, I WOULD RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING:

1. THAT a reward system be approved by Council with the understanding that \$500 will be offered by Seaboard Advertising for information resulting in a conviction involving damage to a Seaboard bus shelter, and that \$500 will be offered by the Municipality for information resulting in a conviction involving damage to a municipal bus shelter;
2. THAT this reward system be well publicized by decals in the shelters and in "Information Burnaby";
3. THAT Mr. Robert Leminski of the Crown Prosecutor's Office be notified; and
4. THAT Seaboard Advertising receive a copy of this report.

Respectfully submitted,


William A. Lewarne,
MAYOR

Attachments.

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February 8, 1982

Mayor W. A. Lewarne
District of Burnaby
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Dear Mayor Lewarne:

Further to your letter of January 9th regarding vandalism of bus shelter systems. I would like to give you our assurance that Seaboard will most certainly co-operate with the municipality in full on this program.

Therefore we will be prepared to pay our share for anyone apprehended and convicted of doing damage to our bus shelter system.

One point that we are testing in our shelters is that of replacing damaged glass with 1/2" as opposed to 1/4" (6 mm) lites. We are beginning to believe that possibly this might have a considerable deterring effect on potential vandalism, as it requires a fair amount of force to damage one of these units, possibly more than is normally expected or exerted.

We have tried plastics to replace the glass but really found this totally unsatisfactory insofar as they become marked and badly scratched within a short period of time.

I do believe however that one of the factors that possibly could help give us a little more protection than might be found on your shelters, is the illumination in our units. Whether this is because of the light or the fact that there is electrical current running into them, it seems to have some sort of deterring factor on people and vandalism attempts.


I would be delighted to meet with your or your committee at any stage to discuss these problems as they are most certainly an expensive item to us. Any suggestions that might arise in order to control this problem would be to our mutual benefit.

Yours truly,



R. D. Sinclair
Vice-President
Outdoor Media

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MEMORANDUM

NOTE DE SERVICE

TO
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His Worship, Mayor W.A. Lewarne,
Corporation of the District of Burnaby

FROM
DE

O.i/c Burnaby Detachment R.C.M.P.

SECURITY - CLASSIFICATION - DE SECURITE
OUR FILE / NOTRE REFERENCE 4214/82 BBY
YOUR FILE / VOTRE REFERENCE
DATE 82-02-15

SUBJECT
OBJET Damage to Burnaby and Seaboard's Bus Shelters

This refers to your inter-office communication of 82-02-08.

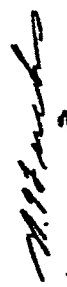
While we keep statistics on vandalism, we have not been keeping specific data on damage to bus shelters here in Burnaby and are not able to provide you with any information on the number of convictions that may have been recorded.

Since being alerted to the problem by the Director of Engineering's inter-office communication of the 82-01-26 to the Manager, we have:

- (1) Alerted the General Duty and Traffic patrols to the Municipality's concerns and have asked them to prosecute persons vandalizing bus shelters.
- (2) Have requested our Crime Prevention Unit to research the problem and to formulate projects or programmes to reduce vandalism to bus stops.

The reward system has been in use in many municipalities for years in connection with vandalism to public transit systems with limited success. However, the prospect of a reward will occasionally spur on an otherwise apathetic citizen to come forward with information which could deter some of the vandals.

We will also assess the situation in about a month's time and plan to provide the Municipality with an updating then.


(N.L. Fuchs) Supt.
O. i/c Burnaby Detachment

c.c. Municipal Manager

