

RE: LETTER FROM GEORGIE COLE WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA
FOR THE 1984 DECEMBER 03 MEETING OF COUNCIL (Item 4 e)
STREET SWEEPING - NEWCOMBE STREET

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Director Engineering be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 84 12 05

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

SUBJECT: STREET SWEEPING - NEWCOMBE STREET

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Georgie Cole, 7275 Newcombe Street, Burnaby, B.C., V3N 3V4, receive a copy of this report.

REPORT:

The establishment for the street sweeping and flushing operation is as follows:

- 2 Equipment III Sweeper Operators
- 1 Equipment III Flusher Operator
- 1 Spare Sweeper-Flusher Operator
- 2 Elgin Vacuum Type Sweepers
- 1 12 700 litre Flush Truck

Street Sweeping:

Burnaby is divided into a north area and a south area and a sweeper works each area. The sweepers start working at Boundary Road and work eastward and once the respective areas are completed they return to Boundary Road and start over again.

Residential streets are swept at least twice per year while Hastings and Kingsway which are retail shopping areas are done twice per week because of the heavy accumulation of litter. Boundary Road, 10th Avenue, Edmonds, 6th Street, Willingdon and Canada Way are usually done once per week, either on a day shift or on a Thursday afternoon, this being the only day we employ a late shift. The late shift is also used to accommodate areas that are impossible to do during the day, for example industrial areas such as Lake City, Norland, 1st Avenue and Boundary, Willingdon and Dawson. These areas have very heavy vehicle parking during the day.

There is no set schedule for sweeping residential areas since the operation is often interrupted by emergency calls from construction sites, automobile accidents, oil and cement spills, and certain residential complaints. This makes it impossible to set up a regular residential schedule such as the refuse pick up schedule since we are limited to two street sweepers. Heavily populated apartment areas

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around Central Park, Sears, Middlegate, and Loughheed Mall have to be signed for no parking at least twice per year since it is impossible to sweep the streets when vehicles are parked. When this has to be done during the day 'No Parking' signs are placed, left in position for 24 hours, and the street is swept. Burnaby Traffic Division and the R.C.M.P. are informed when and where the streets are signed for street sweeping and these signs are placed approximately 35' apart. During the Fall months of October and November the daytime residential street sweeping program is supplemented by the addition of an evening shift as previously mentioned. The additional shift is required for the control and removal of the accumulation of fallen leaves in order to reduce the potential for flooding. No overtime costs are associated with the evening shift since the operator is paid a shift differential in accordance with the Agreement between the Corporation and C.U.P.E., Local 23.

Because of the noise generated by the sweeper, residential streets are not swept after 21:00 hours and at that time we generally move to our industrial areas.

Street Flushing:

We operate one flush truck which covers the whole of Burnaby which alternates days with each sweeper. The flush truck works with or ahead of the sweeper, flushing debris from the centre of the road over to the curb. This method prevents the creation of dust and saves wear and tear on the centre broom of the sweeper. The flush truck is also used on streets where there are no curbs; sweepers cannot be used efficiently on these streets because of the presence of gravel which would damage the sweeper.

During snow periods or freezing weather sweepers and flushers are shut down.

With regard to the specific letter received from Georgie Cole, 7275 Newcombe Street, we believe that the concerns expressed in that letter have been addressed in this report and that the streets in the area of Newcombe Street are being swept and flushed in accordance with the current standard practise. However, staff will inspect Newcombe Street and if it is determined that the appropriate standard was not met, action will be taken to have the street reswept.

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DIRECTOR ENGINEERING