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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 13
COUNCIL MEETING 1984 02 20

RE: LETTER FROM DAVID M. MERCIER, CHARTERED ACCOUNT, WHICH APPEARED ON THE
AGENDA FOR THE 1984 FEBRUARY 13 MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 5b)
COMMUNITY THEATRE IN METROTOWN

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Director Planning & Building Inspection
be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1984 FEBRUARY 13

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING INSPECTION
Our File: 15.312
X.Ref.: RZ #78/83

SUBJECT: ENQUIRY REGARDING A COMMUNITY THEATRE IN METROTOWN

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. David M. Mercier,
5066 Grafton Street, Burnaby, B.C., V5H 1M4.

REPORT

The Planning & Building Inspection Department has been requested to reply to a letter, dated 1984 February 02 from Mr. David M. Mercier addressed to the Mayor and Council, enquiring as to whether or not a community theatre was proposed to be part of the recently initiated major rezoning proposal in the Metrotown.

Community theatre proposals have been previously discussed. Consultations have taken place with the Recreation & Cultural Services Department and the preliminary staff conclusion has been that, although a community theatre as a publicly financed facility is not considered a priority at the present time, if there is a private developer or a private organization willing to construct and operate a community theatre at no cost to the Municipality in Metrotown, then the development of a community theatre on this basis would be encouraged.

The developer of the major proposed commercial project on the Kelly-Douglas properties in the Metrotown core (RZ #78/83) has indicated that he is exploring a number of varied entertainment options which could be of benefit to his overall commercial development. These explorations are only at a preliminary stage at the present time.

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As indicated in the initial rezoning report for Rezoning Reference #78/83 considered by Council on 1984 January 23, the provision of a major "town square" with public pedestrian linkages and a larger branch library to serve the Metrotown area were identified as prime needs which could be achieved in conjunction with the development of the commercial project. It was also noted that the determination of other compatible publicly-oriented facilities may be possible. Although some public facilities would be considered a basic requirement of the major commercial proposal, it is our view that public facilities of large magnitude or extensive in number would not be without cost to the Municipality.



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cc: Director Recreation & Cultural Services
Director Finance
Chief Librarian