

RE: RCMP REPORT ON THE DEATH OF MR. GORDON OWEN
(INQUIRY MADE AT THE 1985 MARCH 11 COUNCIL MEETING)

ITEM 7
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 25
COUNCIL MEETING 85/04/01

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Officer-in-Charge, Burnaby Detachment be adopted.

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TO: DIRECTOR, ADMINISTRATIVE & COMMUNITY SERVICES
FROM: OFFICER IN CHARGE, BURNABY DETACHMENT R.C.M.P.
SUBJECT: Gordon OWEN
Murder of 85-03-09
Burnaby, B.C.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That this report be received for information purposes.

REPORT:


1. This report is submitted as the result of questions raised on the subject during a meeting of Municipal Council, where concern was expressed about the criminal activity revolving around the licenced premise known as the North Burnaby Inn at 4125 E. Hastings Street, Burnaby, B.C., and its relationship to Mr. OWEN's death.

2. Friends of Mr. OWEN had been drinking in the North Burnaby Inn and when they left they became involved in an altercation with a group of youths unknown to them at the rear of Eagle Ford. A fight ensued and these unknown youths continued the brawl down the street to Mr. OWEN's house. Mr. OWEN, who had returned earlier to the house came out on the street to find out what the commotion was all about. Then, one of the unknown youths from Eagle Ford's parking lot struck Mr. OWEN with a piece of 2 x 2 lumber. These youths, whose identity is still unknown, ran away and Mr. OWEN died from the injuries received.

3. There is no indication/evidence that those responsible for inflicting the injuries that caused Mr. OWEN's death were ever in the Inn, and the fight had nothing to do with Mr. OWEN's friends drinking at the North Burnaby Inn.

4. The present management of the North Burnaby Inn have properly addressed the issue as far as their clientele is concerned. There is less of a criminal type frequenting the premises, and new dress regulations have been enforced.

5. The Detachment members carry out regular bar checks and if any violation is observed, a report is made to the Liquor Control Board Inspector with a copy to management of the Inn. Cooperation between police and management has greatly improved over what existed when we had serious concerns with former management.


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