

ITEM 6
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 21
COUNCIL MEETING 85/03/18

RE: LETTER FROM MR. BEAZLEY WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE
1985 FEBRUARY 18 MEETING OF COUNCIL (Item No. 10)
REMOVAL OF ILLEGAL SIGN, WESTCOAST MOBILE LOCKSMITHS LTD.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1985 03 13
FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING
SUBJECT: REMOVAL OF ILLEGAL SIGN, WESTCOAST MOBILE
LOCKSMITHS LTD., #3 - 3760 EAST HASTINGS ST.,
ITEM NO. 10, MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 14
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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council approve the above noted procedure for the removal of illegal signs from the streets of Burnaby.
2. THAT Council approve the proposed addition to the Burnaby Street and Traffic Bylaw clarifying our authority to remove illegal signs from the streets.

REPORT:

The subject item was referred to staff for a report on developing a procedure to follow regarding the removal of illegally-placed signs.

The following is a procedure which is proposed as a course of action to follow in removing illegal signs from public road allowances in Burnaby:

1. A notice would be hand-delivered to the offending party if they were addressed in Burnaby. This notice would advise the owner of the section of the bylaw being violated and requesting that they remove the sign within a stated time period. (Forty-eight hours is considered to be reasonable.) Failure to remove the sign would result in its being removed by the Municipality.
2. Within a thirty-day period of removal the owner of the sign may reclaim the sign upon payment of a

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\$50.00 fee to cover the cost of pick-up and storage.

3. All seized signs would be stored by the Municipality for a period of thirty days. If at the end of the thirty-day period the sign was not claimed, it would be destroyed.
4. Signs placed on Municipal streets by businesses outside the Municipality will be removed and disposed of immediately. Examples are the office furniture signs of a company in Surrey who posted cardboard signs throughout Burnaby.

In dealing with the removal of illegal signs, we will be establishing a new section in the Burnaby Street and Traffic Bylaw to protect the Municipality from claims of damage to removed signs. This section will be similar to section 213 of the Provincial Motor Vehicle Act (M.V.A.).

Our authority to enact such a section is given under section 120 (1) (k) of the Motor Vehicle Act

Our proposed Bylaw addition would read:

- (a) A person shall not erect or maintain, or cause to be erected or maintained, a sign, advertisement or guide post on or over a highway in the Municipality.
- (b) The Director Engineering may cause a sign, advertisement or guide post erected or found on or over a highway to be altered, repainted, torn down or removed from the highway without compensation to any person for loss or damage that results.



DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

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cc: () Traffic Supervisor