

RE: DISPOSAL OF GARDEN REFUSE  
103 N. ELLESMERE AVENUE - MRS. D. LAPKA

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER  
FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING  
SUBJECT: DISPOSAL OF GARDEN REFUSE  
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RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mrs. D. Lapka,  
103 N. Ellesmere Avenue, Burnaby.

REPORT

Appearing on the Agenda for the Council Meeting of 1985 August 12 was a letter from Mrs. D. Lapka, 103 N. Ellesmere Avenue objecting to current policy and procedure regarding the pick-up of garden refuse from private property.

Mrs. Lapka stated that.... "I am annoyed because I failed to wake up this morning in time to intercept the works crew that was picking up the debris from the ditch cleaning that had been done yesterday". Mrs. Lapka further stated "....I telephoned and was told to take my clippings to Stride Avenue dump".

Several years ago the Corporation provided a special pick-up service which permitted residents to have garden materials picked up on demand. This special pick-up service was discontinued with the introduction of the current refuse system. Such garden refuse may be disposed of by means of the regular residential garbage service, provided that all materials are properly bagged or bundled such that no single item or bundle exceeds 36" (1 metre) in any dimension or 75 lb. (33 kg.) in weight. Alternatively, Burnaby residents may dispose of garden refuse at Stride Avenue Dump which is open year round 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. except statutory holidays. It was this information which was conveyed to Mrs. Lapka when she telephoned with her enquiry.

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The work which was being undertaken by our Municipal crew was regular maintenance in the lane ditch. Had our crew been alerted at the time they were on site that Mrs. Lapka had a minor amount of garden refuse to be removed they would in all likelihood have removed it for her. Mrs. Lapka further requested that her front ditch be cleaned, this work has been completed.

Mrs. Lapka also stated "....I also resent the fact that, if my husband were alive, instead of having died at the age of 62 in 1979, our property would have been taxed at the senior citizen rate for the last few years. I am 63. My income is diminished and I have been penalized at the rate of \$350. each of these years". Mrs. Lapka is presumably making reference to the Added Home Owner Grant which is available to property owners 65 years of age or over, or otherwise eligible as outlined in the grant application. The amount of this grant is up to \$250., however, it has the age qualification requiring the property owner to be 65 years of age or over in the calendar year of application.

Mrs. Lapka has been contacted by staff and fully appreciates the circumstances of the situation and she has indicated that she is more than satisfied with the treatment which she has received. The ditch has been cleaned and all her refuse disposed of to her satisfaction.

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c.c. ( ) Director Finance

  
DIRECTOR ENGINEERING