

RE: LETTER FROM MR. AND MRS. L.G. STROPPA WHICH APPEARED ON
THE AGENDA FOR THE MAY 09TH MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 3 A)
HARRASSMENT, VANDALISM AND OBSCENITY
4500 BLK HASTINGS

ITEM 12
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 36
COUNCIL MEETING 88/05/16

On 1988 May 09, Council received Mr. and Mrs. Stroppa's letter and referred it to the Crime Prevention Committee. (The Committee's intention is to submit a report on the operation of arcades in the Community).

ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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FROM: OFFICER IN CHARGE, BURNABY DETACHMENT RCMP

SUBJECT: Harassment, Vandalism and Obscenity
Area of the 4500 Block F. Hastings

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be received for information and be sent to Mr. and Mrs. STROPPA, 7038 Broadway, Burnaby, B.C., V5A 1R8.

SUMMARY:

A letter dated 88 APRIL 27 was directed to the Mayor and Council bringing to attention the reported activities of youths who apparently come and go to the nearby arcade known as SATCH'S. These patrons are accused of throwing bottles, swearing and verbal harassment of tenants of the apartment.


REPORT:

A member attended at the STROPPA residence to get a firsthand report. The verbal information was similar to what has been written; that the youth patrons who frequent SATCH'S are constantly around their apartment building and are accused of vandalism, obscene acts and harassment. Unfortunately, none can be identified.

Police have been called on numerous occasions and have attended, but by time of arrival the persons at the scene have departed and/or have melded into the crowd. Identification for purposes of considering charges was not available.

Short of positioning a member on site, the movement and actions of patrons outside the arcade premises cannot be controlled to the expectation of the residents of the apartment. Mrs. STROPPA, unfortunately, could not accept the explanation of the difficulty the police are faced with in this type of situation and openly expressed her disappointment.

The police will continue their patrols, walk through of the premises and respond to complaints. Where evidence is available the appropriate charges will be referred to Crown Counsel.


S.S.W. Fuller, Superintendent
Officer in Charge
Burnaby Detachment