

ITEM 4  
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 23  
COUNCIL MEETING 88/03/28

RE: LETTER FROM NEW WESTMINSTER AND DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL WHICH APPEARED  
ON THE AGENDA FOR THE MARCH 21 MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 3 C)  
CANADA POST

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1988 March 22

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING INSPECTION

SUBJECT: CANADA POST - ORIGINATING MAIL FROM NEW WESTMINSTER,  
COQUITLAM, BURNABY 3, AND PORT MOODY

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for the information of Council.

R E P O R T

Appearing on the agenda of the Council meeting of 1988 March 21 was a letter from Mr. G. A. Stoney, President, New Westminster and District Labour Council. In his letter Mr. Stoney asks Council to protest "the proposed program of Canada Post to cease picking up originating mail from New Westminster, Coquitlam, Burnaby 3 and Port Moody."

We have received clarification that what Mr. Stoney is referring to is a program that will be implemented by Canada Post to move mail processing from a hand sortation facility to a mechanized plant, as well as the Labour Council's concern that, as a result, staff will be reduced and the New Westminster Post Office ultimately closed.

The following information has been obtained from Canada Post Corporation in this regard:

- (a) Canada Post will continue to pick up originating mail from New Westminster, Coquitlam, Burnaby 3 and Port Moody.
- (b) The New Westminster Post Office currently sorts, manually, the originating mail from these four areas which is destined to remain within these areas (30% of the originating mail falls under this category).
- (c) The remaining 70% of the originating mail from these four areas, which is destined for other areas, is currently sent to Vancouver for mechanized sorting.
- (d) Canada Post will be sending the above mentioned 30% of the originating mail to the Vancouver Post Office for mechanized sorting in order to make the whole processing system more efficient. Mechanized plants can easily accommodate extra volumes with greater accuracy.

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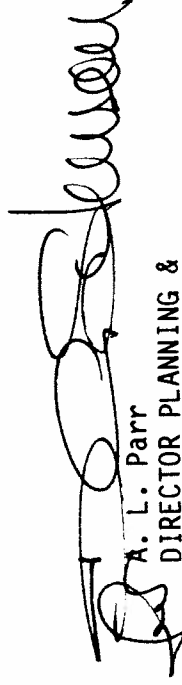
(e) The New Westminster facility has exceeded its capacity as a mail sortation facility. However, mail sortation represents only one aspect of New Westminster's operation. Letter Carrier functions, retail activities and a portion of mail processing will continue in New Westminster.

(f) There will be some movement of employee hours among facilities in recognition of increased or reduced mail volumes. Canada Post has stated that the suggestion that there will be measurable reduction in jobs is not true.

(g) Although Canada Post has received notification of lease expiry in New Westminster, this does not necessarily mean that they will be moving. Canada Post has assured us that it has no intention of eliminating postal service from New Westminster. By transferring the majority of the mail sortation to Vancouver, the life span of the New Westminster facility may ultimately be extended because it is better able to handle the reduced workload. Canada Post will have to make its decision on the matter of the building lease when the time comes, which is more than a year away, and they will so advise the Municipality.

This report is submitted for the information of Council.

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