

RE: LETTER FROM G.S. BALLANTYNE WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE
MAY 02ND MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 3 H)
DISPOSAL OF GARDEN REFUSE AT STRIDE AVENUE

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

* * * * *

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1988 MAY 02

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

SUBJECT: DISPOSAL OF GARDEN REFUSE AT STRIDE AVENUE

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT G.S. Ballantyne of 6212 Gordon Avenue, Burnaby, B.C.,
V5E 3M1 be provided with a copy of this report.

R E P O R T

On the 1988 May 02 Council Agenda under Correspondence and Petitions, was a letter from G.S. Ballantyne, of 6212 Gordon Avenue, Burnaby, B.C., V5E 3M1 regarding the use of the Stride Avenue disposal area.

The Stride Avenue disposal area is available to all Burnaby residents for the disposal of garden refuse. Should residents not wish, or not be able, to haul this refuse to Stride Avenue, they may place it with their regular refuse, providing it is appropriately bundled so that it may be conveniently handled by our refuse collection crews.

Approximately two years ago commercial operators were prohibited from dumping at Stride Avenue no matter where the refuse originated. Although it was done reluctantly, this measure was taken because checks proved that most of the commercial operators were depositing garden refuse which originated from other municipalities, contrary to their statements. Together with the fact that the Stride Avenue disposal area was fast becoming filled to capacity, the impracticability of checking the originating source of refuse from every contractor resulted in all contractors being denied the use of Stride Avenue. Present practise is to accept only those materials delivered to Stride Avenue by Burnaby residents in person.

With regard to G.S. Ballantyne's position that this practise "discriminates against those citizens of Burnaby who do not own a vehicle suitable for delivering material to the dump, or who are for any reason unable to transport any normally acceptable material from their property thereto", we reiterate that, if properly bundled, any and all such material will be picked up during our regular refuse collection operation. We hasten to add that it matters not, of course, who bundles it - it could be a contractor or anyone else for that matter who does it for the resident.

In any event, the day is fast approaching when it will be necessary to cease operating a garden refuse landfill at Stride Avenue. Two very practical happenings will bring this about, i.e., the site is almost full and increased density of re-development in the area is fast closing in on the disposal area (it must be recognized that two such diverse land uses are basically incompatible). Although our regular refuse service will take all forms of garden refuse if it is properly bundled, it is pertinent to note that the garden refuse service at Stride Avenue which has been in operation for some 18 years has diverted a very significant amount of refuse from the regular waste stream, which has been of significant benefit to Burnaby as well as the region in terms of extending the life of major landfills and, now, keeping it out of the Regional Incinerator. As Council is aware, the Regional District is currently examining possible alternatives to disposing of garden waste at the Regional Incinerator and/or major landfills.

G.S. Ballantyne had been advised of the Corporation's practise by letter dated 1988 March 08.

HDH:dp


DIRECTOR ENGINEERING