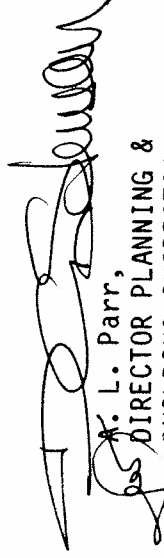


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In light of the enquiry from Mr. Landry and Council having received the attached letter from the Honorable Russell Fraser, it would be appropriate for Council to lift this item from the table for further consideration. Accordingly, the item on Motor Vehicle Inspections appears elsewhere on the agenda as a Tabled matter. **106**


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MAYOR'S OFFICE

Dear Mayor Copeland:

Re: Commercial Vehicle Inspection Program

The Honourable Lyall Hanson, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture, forwarded your letter of February 19, 1990, to my attention to respond to the resolution Burnaby Council passed on February 12, 1990, regarding motor vehicle testing.

A mandatory Commercial Vehicle Inspection Program has been in effect since 1986. Initially the program focused on the larger, heavier vehicles and was expanded in 1989 to include all commercial vehicles over 8,200 kg and all vehicles licensed under the Motor Carrier Act, which includes taxis.

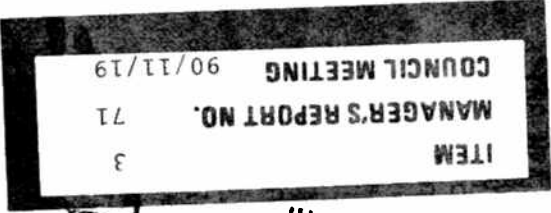
Under the Commercial Vehicle Inspection Program, all commercial vehicles must be inspected semi-annually by a certified inspector at a government-approved inspection facility, or be the subject of a Preventative Maintenance Program. The terms and conditions of a Preventative Maintenance Program apply only to a fleet of five or more commercial vehicles and parallel the semi-annual inspection process. In both cases, all commercial vehicles--and Motor Carrier Licensed vehicles--must display a valid inspection decal.

Inspection and preventative maintenance facilities are audited by Motor Vehicle Branch Mechanical (Motor Vehicle) Inspectors on a regular basis. The M.V.B. Mechanical (Motor Vehicle) Inspectors, with the assistance of law enforcement officers, conduct random roadside inspections of all classes of vehicles to determine mechanical fitness. It is through roadside inspections and the agreed-to fleet vehicle inspections

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that mechanical fitness to compliance with the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations and Standards of Safety and Repair is determined. In recent media coverage regarding taxi inspections, it was the checking of that class of vehicle by M.V.B. Mechanical (Motor Vehicle) Inspectors that determined the problematic condition of some of the taxis.

I am pleased to inform you that problems related to the mechanical condition of taxis were recently discussed between Motor Vehicle Branch staff and officials of the taxi owners' associations which actively support the inspection program.

A new province-wide Private Vehicle Inspection Program-- encompassing passenger cars and light trucks--was implemented by my Ministry on January 1, 1990, and is complementary to the Commercial Vehicle Inspection Program. This new Private Vehicle Inspection Program is available to all motorists through over 1,300 authorized inspection facilities throughout the Province. The program is specifically designed to target unsafe, poorly equipped, inadequately maintained vehicles and to remove them from the road until such time as they are repaired and pass inspection.

In summary, the inspection programs currently in place cover all on-highway vehicles in a manner that is efficient, effective, and equitable to all vehicle owner/operators and also maximizes safety for all highway users.

Thank you for your letter advising of Council's resolution on motor vehicle testing. Your support of vehicle inspection programs is appreciated.

Yours sincerely



Hon. Russell G. Fraser
Solicitor General

cc The Honourable Lyall Hanson
Minister of Municipal Affairs,
Recreation and Culture