

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1990 JULY 17

FROM: ACTING CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

SUBJECT: CONSTRUCTION NOISE BURNABY METROTOWN AREA

PURPOSE: TO ADVISE COUNCIL OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION WITH RESPECT TO CONSTRUCTION NOISE IN THE BURNABY METROTOWN AREA

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to Mr. Richard Lee, #1402 - 6555 Bonsor Avenue, Burnaby, B.C. V5H 3E9.

REPORT

Further to correspondence received at the regular Council Meeting 1990 July 09 from Mr. Richard Lee regarding construction noise in the Metrotown area and enforcement of the Burnaby Noise or Sound Abatement Bylaw 1979 we would advise as follows.

Construction in the area of Metrotown has been going on now for approximately four years and is in all likelihood to continue for another two to three years as new developments both residential and commercial continue to be up and coming. During this time, the Environmental Health Division has received several complaints regarding both early morning and late night construction noise all being site specific.

Upon receipt of each complaint the Environmental Health Division hand delivers a notice to the contractor involved. The contractor is at that time given full details of the noise bylaw and concerns of residents in the area. They are further advised that should more complaints of non-compliance operations be received, charges would be laid by this Division and court action taken. Complainants are given a 24 hour number and advised to call the Environmental Health Division should they experience further problems. Staff then attend on any complaint regarding non-compliance of the Burnaby noise bylaw and if the contractor is found to be in violation, charges are laid. Should the contractor continue to violate the Burnaby noise bylaw, application for a court injunction would be applied for. To date only one court injunction has been required to alleviate the non-compliance noise of contractors during a construction project.

It is recognized that noise from construction in the Metrotown area has been ongoing for some time and will continue for some time in the future. The Environmental Health Division will continue to make every effort to ensure compliance of the Burnaby noise bylaw.

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Mr. Richard Lee has been contacted by the Environmental Health Division staff and has been assured we will do everything we can to ensure construction in the Metrotown area is in compliance with the noise bylaw. Furthermore, Mr. Lee has been advised of the 24 hour callout number and encouraged to phone at any time he has concerns regarding the non-compliance of the Burnaby noise bylaw.

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