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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	42
COUNCIL MEETING	92/06/15

TO: ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER **DATE:** 1992 06 10

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING **FILE:** 50-01-13

SUBJECT: WEED CONTROL - CORRESPONDENCE FROM NOLAN & BARBARA STAMPFL, 5831 EGLINTON STREET

PURPOSE: To respond to correspondence from Nolan & Barbara Stampfl regarding weed control on Municipal streets.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Nolan & Barbara Stampfl, 5831 Eglinton Street, Burnaby, B.C., V5G 2B5.

REPORT

Appearing on the Council agenda is correspondence from Nolan & Barbara Stampfl, 5831 Eglinton, regarding weed growth on Municipal streets and sidewalks.

The Municipality does conduct a weed removal program however it is limited to arterial and major collector streets. The allocation for this program was reduced in the 1992 Annual Operating Budget due to budgetary constraints. However, recognizing that there was a very mild winter and subsequent early heavy growth of weeds on our streets, staff have reassessed the funding allocation for the weed control program and made priority adjustments to reflect the need.

Historically, an extension of this program to local residential streets has been restrained by budgetary limitations. The Stampfls suggest an "Adopt a Block" program. Although no formal program exists, the Municipality has always left maintenance of boulevards, including weed control on sidewalks and gutters, up to the adjacent property owner. Periodically we seek cooperation of property owners through notices in the Information Burnaby newsletter, the most recent of which was published in the May edition. These maintenance standards have been in place for many years with consistent service levels except for this year's adjustments.

Staff have recognized and acknowledged the concern expressed by the correspondents and have made some priority reassignments to address the concern.

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