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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	5
COUNCIL MEETING	92/01/20

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER **DATE:** 1992 01 14

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

SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE FROM MR. B. WATSON
1991 DECEMBER 18

PURPOSE: To respond to correspondence from Mr. B.C. Watson regarding weed and litter control on Municipal streets.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. B.C. Watson, 5672 Keith Street, Burnaby, B.C., V5J 3C5.

2. THAT a copy of this report and Mr. Watson's correspondence be forwarded to the Centennial Committee for consideration.

REPORT

Appearing on Council's agenda for its meeting of 1992 January 13 was a letter from Mr. B.C. Watson, 5672 Keith Street regarding weed and litter control on Municipal streets. In addition, Mr. Watson also enquired regarding improvements to the unopened road allowance on MacPherson Avenue between Patrick and Keith Streets. Mr. Watson has corresponded with Council previously concerning weed control in gutters and sidewalks at which time staff reported our practice on weed control. More specifically, our weed control program does not extend into residential areas due the potential high cost of providing such a service. Staff had hoped to include an article in the February Information Burnaby to inform the public of the Municipality's policy on the maintenance of boulevards, including cleanup of weeds along the streets, however space requirements limited the number of articles. We will be re-submitting the article for the Spring issue in 1992.

Manual litter collection in Burnaby is performed on a daily basis on prioritized arterial roads, commercial areas and in Metrotown. Scheduled litter collection is not provided to residential streets. Mr. Watson has suggested that an - Adopt a Highway - program be implemented during our Centennial year. Staff believe that this concept has merit and we would recommend it be forwarded to the Centennial Committee for consideration as one of its projects.

With regard to Mr. Watson's enquiry regarding the unopened MacPherson Avenue road allowance, this matter was being considered by the Burnaby Beautification Committee. The Director Recreation & Cultural Services will be reporting to Council through the Parks Commission separately on this matter.

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