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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	6
COUNCIL MEETING	92/01/27

TO : MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1992 JANUARY 23

FROM : DIRECTOR RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

RE : LETTER FROM BRUCE WATSON REGARDING CLEAN-UP OF THE MCPHERSON AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY

PURPOSE : To respond to concerns expressed by B. Watson regarding beautification and clean-up of the McPherson Avenue Right-of-Way.

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. Bruce Watson.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1992 January 22, the Parks & Recreation Commission received the attached staff report on the above subject and adopted the recommendation contained therein.

*H. Monroe / For D.C.*

DENNIS GAUNT  
DIRECTOR RECREATION &  
CULTURAL SERVICES

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Attach.

cc: Burnaby Beautification Committee  
Director Engineering

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REPORT

Attached is a letter from Mr. Bruce Watson, expressing two concerns for the beautification and clean-up of litter in his neighbourhood. \*Item #2 in his letter is being addressed by the Engineering Department. Item #1 is of relevance to the Burnaby Beautification Committee.

Last year, Mr. Watson suggested the B.B.C. consider undertaking the beautification of the unopened McPherson Street right-of-way between Patrick and Keith Streets. This site is currently undeveloped, with a cover of weeds and grasses and with a small dirt path passing through it. Upgrading the site with landscaping, a seating area and pathway connection would cost in the range of \$30,000. Initially, the B.B.C. did indicate the area to be a top project for consideration. However, this year the Committee did not receive an allocation of any additional Capital funds. A final decision on their 1992 program has not yet been made but the Committee seems to be in favour of implementing several smaller more affordable projects with its remaining 1991 funds.

The B.B.C. is also considering the comments regarding litter clean-up and the possibility of an anti-litter publicity program through its operating budget. If the B.B.C. does not adopt the project, the Engineering Department will continue to undertake rough maintenance on the site once per year if requested. Mr. Watson will be informed of the Committee's decision.

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Attached (1)

cc: Burnaby Beautification Committee  
Director Engineering

\*Note:

On 1992 January 20, Council received a report from the Engineering Department which provided information on Mr. Watson's concerns regarding weed and litter control on municipal streets. Council referred Mr. Watson's suggestion regarding an Adopt a Highway program to the Centennial Committee for consideration as one of its projects.

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December 18, 1991.

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SERVICES (FOR REPORT)

Dear Mr. Copeland,

Over the last year and a half I have written you, the Assistant Director of Engineering and the Supervisor of Parks Design re two concerns:

1. the lack of proper maintenance on land owned by the Municipality in the midst of residential areas and, specifically, the unopened portion of Macpherson Avenue between Patrick and Keith Streets (5600 block) but also all other undeveloped land including land dedicated as park land and fronted by public streets
2. the lack of clean-up of weeds and litter on the streets of Burnaby.

I have enclosed a copy of my letter of September 6, 1991 to Mr. J. Kirbyson and trust that adequate funds are being given in 1992 to complete the landscaping required to clean-up the unopened portion of the MacPherson right of way.

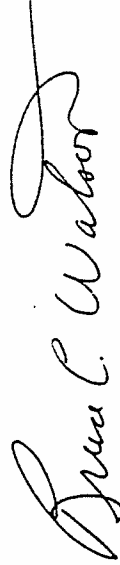
Regarding item 2, I have seen no improvement in the condition of the streets. Although an article was to appear in the February edition of Information Burnaby re the responsibility of residents to keep their streets clean, I do not recall seeing it.

I would suggest in Burnaby's Centennial Year that a special effort be made, led by Council, to clean-up Burnaby and make it a model for the Lower Mainland.

The American program--Adopt a Highway-- seems to have met with a great deal of success. In this program specific community groups, industries, etc. adopt a portion of the highway and accept the responsibility for keeping it free of litter.

Perhaps a similar program could be launched in Burnaby with the residents of each block adopting their own block as their responsibility. Leadership by Council and co-operation of the citizens could make Burnaby a cleaner and more liveable place. We should not continue to accept second best.

Yours sincerely,



Bruce C. Watson

( 433-3708 )

cc. Mr. B.C. Davis, Ass't Director, Engineering  
Mr. J. Kirbyson

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Mr. J. Kirbyson,  
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B.C. Watson,  
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September 5, 1991.

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Dear Mr. Kirbyson,

Thank you for the information you gave me to-day that the Burnaby Beautification Committee has decided to proceed in 1992 with the landscaping of the unopened portion of the Macpherson Avenue right of way between Keith Street and Patrick Street.

I will be most pleased to be the contact within our community to work with you on this project.

I look forward to hearing from you as the project proceeds.

Yours sincerely,

Bruce C. Watson

Telephone: 433-3708

cc. Mr. B.C. Davis,  
Ass't Director Engineering ---Thank you for your assistance.