



TO: ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1992 MARCH 24

FROM: ACTING CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

SUBJECT: ALL CANADIAN RECYCLING SERVICES, 6130 WILSON AVENUE, BURNABY, B.C. - UNSIGHTLY PREMISES

PURPOSE: TO INFORM THE COUNCIL ON THE INVESTIGATION AND FOLLOW-UP CONDUCTED ON COMPLAINTS OF UNSIGHTLY PREMISES AT 6130 WILSON AVENUE, STATUS OF BUSINESS LICENSE FOR THE OPERATION AND THE MITIGATION OF SAFETY HAZARD AT THE INTERSECTION OF MAYBERRY STREET AND WILSON AVENUE, BURNABY, B.C.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to Mr. Stan Kaminski, All Canadian Recycling Services, 6130 Wilson Avenue, Burnaby, B.C.

REPORT

1.0 INTRODUCTION:

During the regular Council Meeting on 1992 January 27, concerns were expressed regarding the operation of business in the old Safeway building located at Wilson Avenue and Beresford Street, Burnaby, B.C.

Complaints have been received that the operation, All Canadian Recycling Services, creates large amounts of paper waste which has been strewn throughout the property.

Council requested that staff provide a report detailing the results of this investigation including the allegation that this business is operating without appropriate licensing.

At the regular Council Meeting on 1992 March 02, Council requested that the information also be included on the hazard created from the removal of a light standard at the intersection of Mayberry Street and Wilson Avenue.

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The following report provides information on the investigations and follow-up conducted on the complaints of unsightly premises located at 6130 Wilson Avenue, status of the business license for the subject operation and the mitigation of the safety hazard at the intersection of Mayberry Street and Wilson Avenue.

2.0 COMPLAINTS OF UNSIGHTLINESS AT ALL CANADIAN RECYCLING SERVICES, 6130 WILSON AVENUE, BURNABY, B.C.:

In 1992 January, Environmental Health Services staff received two complaints regarding large amounts of paper and refuse accumulation outside the building located at 6130 Wilson Avenue. Upon receiving the complaints staff conducted inspections of the site and discussed the concerns of unsightliness with Mr. Stan Kaminski, All Canadian Recycling Services.

According to Mr. Kaminski, their operation involves receiving paper in containers from print shops, which is sorted and subsequently delivered to a paper recycling operation. Mr. Kaminski acknowledged the concerns of unsightliness and immediately began to arrange for clean up of paper. Complainants were informed of the investigation and actions taken by staff.

On 1992 January 30, staff re-inspected the property and found that a large portion of the paper and card board had been cleaned up and stacked in piles. However, small amounts of paper refuse still remained around the garbage containers and within the parking area of the property. Mr. Kaminski indicated that he would have this cleaned up by 1992 February 06.

A subsequent inspection revealed that the property was cleaned up. Staff have, however, raised concerns with Mr. Kaminski that unless he establishes ongoing clean up procedures, the property could become unsightly and would require clean up again. Mr. Kaminski has agreed to follow-up on this matter. Staff will conduct ongoing monitoring of the property to ensure that it does not become unsightly.

Environmental Health Services discussions with staff from License Department has revealed that the site is currently zoned as M4. Therefore, while there are no restrictions against the operator having containers outside the building, all activities associated with the business such as sorting of all paper is to be conducted within the building. Staff from the License Department have informed Mr. Kaminski regarding this requirement.

3.0 STATUS OF BUSINESS LICENSE - ALL CANADIAN RECYCLING SERVICES, 6130 WILSON AVENUE, BURNABY, B.C.:

An application for Business License was submitted by Mr. Stan Kaminski to the License Department on 1991 November 07. The nature of the business was stated to be general recycling warehouse.

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An inspection conducted by Environmental Health Services staff, as a component of the business licence approval process, revealed that numerous containers of hazardous chemicals, photographic solutions and circuit boards were improperly stored within the building. Furthermore, there was absence of any contingency plans in event of an accident or spill.

Discussions of this issue with Mr. Stan Kaminski revealed that the photographic chemicals and circuit boards were obtained from various business with the intent of recycling these materials.

Due to the concerns of chemicals storage in the building, staff contacted the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks (BCMOELP), and conducted a joint inspection of the facilities. BCMOELP staff concurred with staff that the storage and waste handling procedures need to be upgraded.

Furthermore, pursuant to the Special Waste Regulations, the chemical wastes located in the premises are required to be registered with the Ministry and an application for a permit must also be made by the operator. Exemptions from the regulations would require storage and use of chemicals with total quantities of less than 5 litres or 5 Kg.

In order to be exempt from the requirements of the B.C. Special Waste Regulations, Mr. Kaminski has indicated that he will have all chemical wastes disposed in accordance with the requirements of BCMOELP and Environmental Health Services.

Recent discussions with Mr. Kaminski has revealed that all of the chemical wastes will be removed for disposal in accordance with the requirements by 1992 April 07. Staff are withholding the approval of the Business License pending the disposal of these materials.

4.0 MITIGATION OF SAFETY HAZARD AT THE INTERSECTION OF MAYBERRY STREET AND WILSON AVENUE:

Recent discussions with the staff from the Engineering Department has revealed that the damaged portion of the sidewalk at the intersection of Mayberry Street and Wilson Avenue, created from the removal of a light standard, has been repaired.

5.0 CONCLUSION:

Environmental Health Services has received two complaints in 1992 January regarding accumulation of large amounts of paper and other debris outside the building located at 6130 Wilson Avenue.

Inspections and follow-up conducted by staff have ensured the clean-up of paper and debris. However, it was indicated to the operator, Mr. Kaminski, that unless ongoing clean up procedures are implemented, the property could become unsightly and require clean up again. Staff will conduct ongoing monitoring of the property to ensure that it does not become unsightly.

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