MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 14
COUNCIL MEETING 93/03/01

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CITY MANAGER

1993 FEBRUARY 24

FROM:

ACTING DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

SUBJECT: REZONING REFERENCE #8/92

THURSTON STREET

PURPOSE: To request Council authority to demolish a vacant house at 3754

Thurston Street.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council amend the prerequisites to Rezoning Reference #8/92 to permit the demolition of a vacant house at 3754 Thurston Street prior to Third Reading of the rezoning bylaw.

REPORT

On 1992 November 02, Council gave Second Reading to a rezoning application that proposes a new four storey apartment building and the restoration of the historic "Thurston" house.

The development site is composed of two lots. While the "Thurston" house remains occupied, the small house to the west at 3754 Thurston is vacant and the developer is requesting that permission be given to demolish the structure to prevent vandalism and reduce the risk of fire.

It is usual that demolition be permitted after Third Reading. While the developer is actively pursuing the rezoning and consolidation of the site, Third Reading will not be possible until the primary prerequisites are pursued further towards completion. The developer has provided a letter acknowledging that they are aware that the completion of the rezoning is subject to Council approval.

Staff concur with this request to demolish this building given its proximity to occupied houses to the west and the "Thurston" House heritage building.

D.G. Stenson, Acting Planning and Building

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cc: Chief Building Inspector