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MANAGER'S REPORT #	22
COUNCIL MEETING	96/08/26

TO: CITY MANAGER
FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE
SUBJECT: TREE AT 7923 EDMONDS STREET
PURPOSE: To provide information to Council.

1996 AUGUST 21
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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for information.

REPORT

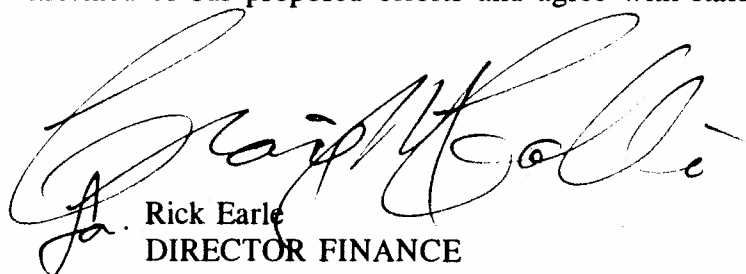
Council, at its meeting of 1996 August 12, received correspondence from Mr. Mehma Chera requesting that Council alleviate the problems associated with a tree on the City rental property at 7923 Edmonds Street. In his letter, Mr. Chera expresses concern that this large Douglas Fir may fall and damage his house or the neighbouring Action Glass building. He also notes that the tree's cones and needles accumulate in his gutters.

The Building Department reports that Mr. Chera's house has been built under the canopy of a mature Douglas Fir, probably planted or seeded when the area was originally subdivided. The species grows throughout residential areas in the Lower Mainland, is long lived and stable. Inspection by the Landscape Inspector and the Urban Forestry section of the Parks Department showed no obvious defects or problems with the tree and judging from growth extensions the tree appears reasonably vigorous.

Though there has been construction within the expected rooting area, branches typically affected showed no decrease in growth. The needles and cones falling to Mr. Chera's roof are typical.

As house construction is recent and no systematic tree assessment has been done, it is recommended that the situation be reviewed over the next six months. As well, staff will ensure that the tree is properly pruned to prevent excessive needles and cones dropping onto Mr. Chera's house.

Mr. Chera and Action Glass have been informed of our proposed efforts and agree with staff's approach.



Rick Earle
DIRECTOR FINANCE

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cc: Director Engineering
Director Recreation & Cultural Services
Chief Building Inspector