

**TO:** CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 1997 08 06  
**FROM:** DIRECTOR ENGINEERING **FILE:** Rumble St/  
80-01-15  
**SUBJECT:** CORRESPONDENCE FROM LEONNE & GARY BROWN,  
5605 NEVILLE STREET, BURNABY BC  
**PURPOSE:** To respond to correspondence from Leonne & Gary Brown, 5605 Neville Street,  
Burnaby BC.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Leonne & Gary Brown, 5605 Neville Street, Burnaby BC.

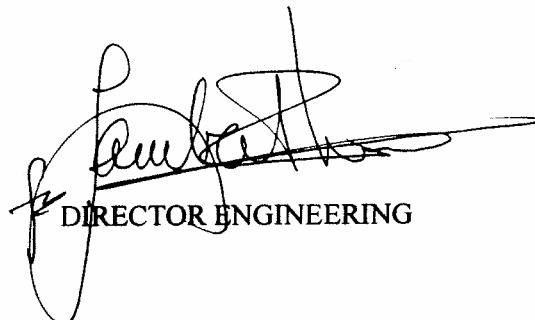
**REPORT**

At the regular Council meeting of 1997 July 21, Council received a correspondence from Leonne and Gary Brown of 5605 Neville Street expressing their concerns of the removal of a tree during a lane construction project behind 5616 Rumble Street.

The lane construction was part of a new single family dwelling construction project at 5616 Rumble Street. The original lane design required removal of the subject tree. Subsequent to the issuance of the building permit, the design was modified in an effort to preserve the tree. During construction, City staff had worked with the contractor and the owner to save the tree while building a proper road base for the lane. Upon the completion of the excavation and backfill, an inspection was conducted by the City Arborist to evaluate the condition of the tree. Due to the extensive supporting root structure of the tree and the proximity of the excavation work, it was determined that the tree should be removed to avoid future public safety concerns.

Staff have discussed the tree issue with the owner and the contractor. With the objective of preserving a healthy urban forestry in the City, the contractor/builder has agreed to contribute financially to the City for planting several replacement trees under the City's tree planting program.

It is the practice of the Engineering Department to preserve trees and the natural environment as part of all construction projects. It is regrettable that the subject tree had to be removed for safety reasons in order to facilitate the construction of the lane. The replacement trees will be planted in the near future in consultation with the City Arborist.

  
DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

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cc: A/Director Recreation & Cultural Services