

TO: CITY MANAGER

DATE: 2000 09 08

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

FILE: 50-01-13

SUBJECT: 3957 LOZELLS AVENUE, BURNABY, BC
CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM ART & GAYLE BETTIOL,

PURPOSE: To respond to concerns raised by the correspondents regarding trees on Winston Street adjacent 3957 Lozells Avenue

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** a copy of this report be forwarded to Art & Gayle Bettiol, 3957 Lozells Avenue, Burnaby, B.C.

REPORT

Council at its regular meeting of 2000 July 24 received correspondence from Art and Gayle Bettiol of 3957 Lozells Street raising concerns about public trees planted on Winston Street adjacent their property. These concerns were subsequently referred to staff for a report. Staff have visited the correspondents on several occasions to review the specific concerns about these trees.


The correspondents' primary concern is the amount of litter, in this case needles, produced by the trees causing frequent cleanup of the patios, walkway and gutters of their house. The City Arborist has previously reviewed this site and advises that the trees in question are a combination of Douglas Fir and Hemlock that are relatively young, significantly large and in good shape. Pruning was undertaken in July to minimize the encroachment into the Bettiol's property.

Despite the tree maintenance efforts of staff, the Bettiol's continue to request removal of the trees due to the alleged damage that the trees are causing.

Council has adopted a Tree Management Policy for trees on public lands. The purpose of this policy is to provide clear and consistent tree management guidelines. The Tree Management Policy allows for removal of trees that are causing damage to adjacent private property however the policy further states that loss of views, too much shade, leaf litter or insect nuisance are not considered as damage.

Given that the trees are healthy specimens, staff believe that the pruning undertaken earlier this year is the most appropriate treatment and are unable to recommend removal of the trees.

It is recommended that the Bettiol's be sent a copy of this report.


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