

**TO:** CITY MANAGER

**DATE:** 2001 06 08

**FROM:** DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

**FILE:** 55-01-04

**SUBJECT:** CORRESPONDENCE FROM MS. DENISE DUFAULT

**PURPOSE:** To respond to correspondence regarding three neighbourhood issues.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to Ms. Denise DuFault, 1276 Whitsell Avenue, Burnaby BC, V5C 5E4.

**REPORT**

At its last meeting, Council received a letter from Ms. DuFault regarding three issues related to her neighbourhood. Relative to these issues, staff can respond as follows.

**1. Activation of the Pedestrian/Transit Signal at Brentlawn/Graveley on Willingdon**

The traffic signal installation at this intersection should be fully operational by the end of June, although the majority of hardware is in place, which presents an outside illusion of completeness, internal wiring, controller work and hydro connection must still take place before energization can occur.

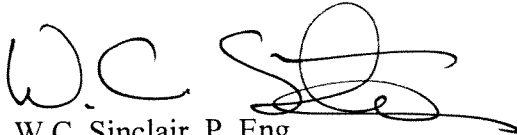
**2. Disposition of the Fire Damaged House on the S.W. Corner of Williams and Willingdon**

The status of this fire damaged house (a former Grow Op) is currently being reviewed by the Building Department in conjunction with the property owner. The house is well secured with plywood covering door and window opening. Apparently, it is structurally sound and demolition cannot be ordered. Although it could in theory be re-built, economics may dictate demolition and replacement. The condition of the lot itself (ie. overgrown grass) is being investigated by staff with a view to taking action under the Unsightly Premises bylaw.

**3. Need for a Bench at the Bus Stop Flanking the House Discussed Above**

The stop location – southbound Willingdon Avenue, farside William Street – has sufficient space behind the sidewalk for a bench. Some pruning of the hedge on the property line will be required to create an alcove for the seat. Staff are pursuing the placement of the bench.

Staff were not successful in contacting Ms. DuFault by telephone to discuss the concerns with her. Accordingly, it would be appropriate to send her a copy of this report.

  
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