
TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2008 June 12
FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE **FILE:** RFS07-01549
Reference: 4796 Canada Way
SUBJECT: 4796 CANADA WAY - UNSIGHTLY AND OVERGROWN PROPERTY
PURPOSE: To obtain compliance with the Burnaby Unsightly Premises Bylaw

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council authorize City staff or agents to enter the property at 4796 Canada Way to remove from the property the accumulations of household discards, two junk filled and inoperable vehicles, various other debris and to cut back and remove the unsightly overgrowth of weeds, tall grass, blackberry bushes and shrubs from the front, side and rear yards. All resulting cleanup and disposal costs will be charged to the property owner and will be applied to the property taxes, if unpaid by the 31st day of December of the year in which the expenses were incurred.

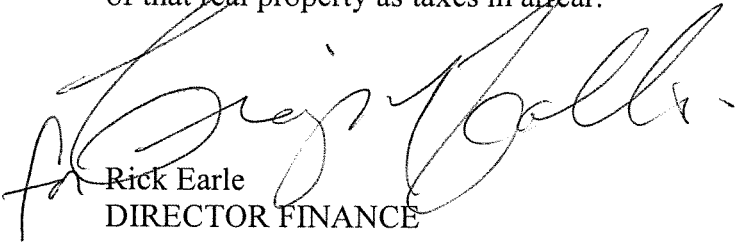
REPORT

In 2004 February and also in 2007 July, the City received separate unsightly premises complaints about the residential property at 4796 Canada Way. Staff inspections have confirmed the property is littered with interior furniture, household discards, rusted lawn furniture and other undetermined debris that is completely covered with overgrown blackberry bushes and other plant materials. In addition, two inoperable vehicles are located on the property, completely filled with debris. The condition of the property constitutes a violation of the Unsightly Premises Bylaw.

Several staff have spoken to the property owner numerous times about their responsibility to maintain their property. Included in these discussions were offers to assist with coordinating and undertaking the necessary work. Five letters have been mailed out, with some hand delivered. The most recent letter dated 2008 May 28, which included a cost estimate of \$7000 to have City crews conduct the clean-up, was hand delivered by a staff member who took the time to go over and explain the content of the letter to the property owner. At that time the property owner conceded that she wants the property cleaned up and that the City should handle it. Photos taken of the yard on 2008 June 18 are attached (*Attachment 1*) for reference of Council.

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Under the provisions of the Burnaby Unsightly Premises Bylaw, No. 5533, Council may authorize the City by it's workmen and others to enter upon the real property and effect such removal at the expense of the person so defaulting and the charges for so doing, if unpaid on the 31st day of December in any year, shall be added to and form part of the taxes payable in respect of that real property as taxes in arrear.



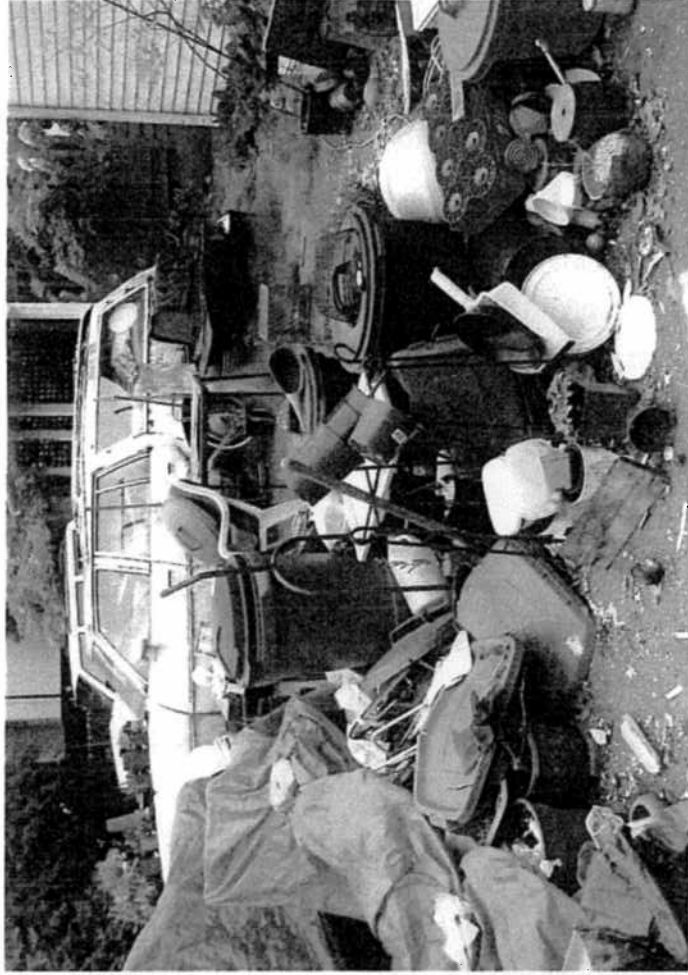
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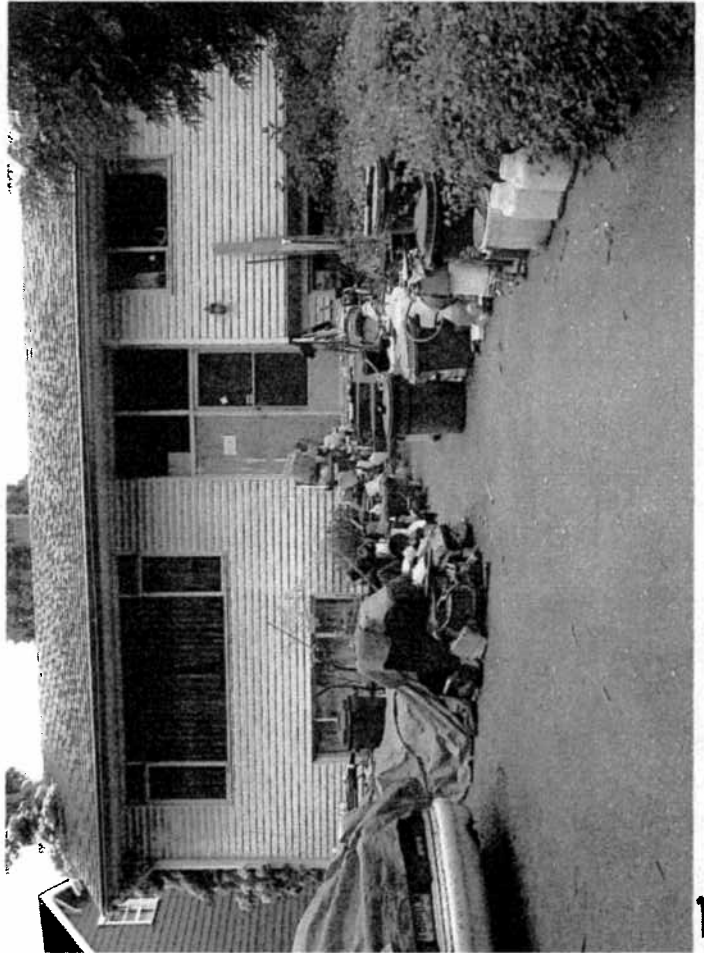
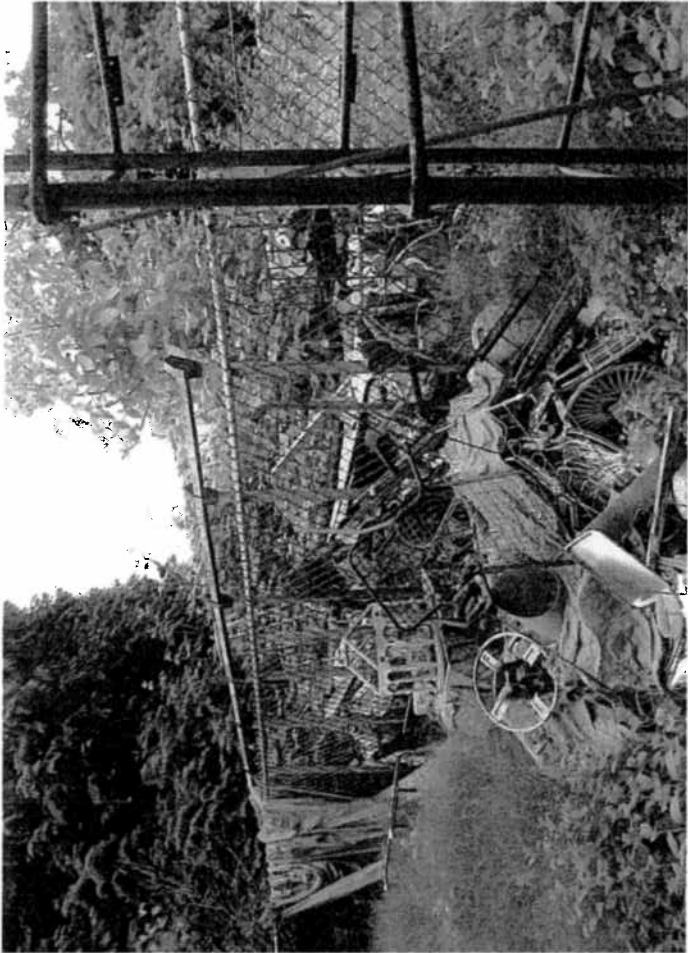
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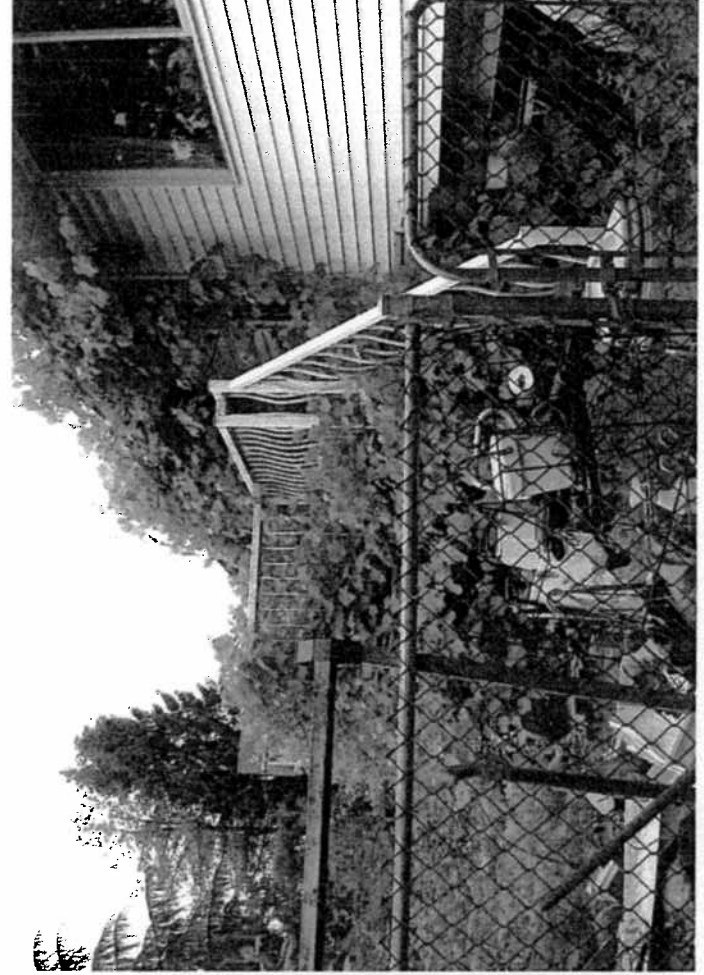
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EAST SIDE



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REAR