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Meeting <span style="float: right;">July 16, 2012</span>

COUNCIL REPORT

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**TO:** CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2012 July 10

**FROM:** DIRECTOR FINANCE

**SUBJECT:** UNSIGHTLY PROPERTY AT 5420 CANADA WAY

**PURPOSE:** To obtain Council authority for City staff or agents to enter the property at 5420 Canada Way and remove unsightly materials in accordance with the Unsightly Premises Bylaw.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** Council authorize City staff or agents to enter the property located at 5420 Canada Way, owned by 0910059 BC Ltd, to remove and dispose of the accumulation of rubbish and discarded materials referred to in this report.

**REPORT**

On 2012 January 05 the Licence Office received an unsightly premises complaint concerning a residential zoned (Residential District R4) property located at 5420 Canada Way, owned by 0910059 BC Ltd. An initial inspection of the property conducted on 2012 January 10 revealed that the property contained a vacant dwelling, that was open to intrusion, and had a substantial accumulation of unsightly materials including; carpeting, broken furniture, building materials, bags of household garbage and other various debris, contrary to the Unsightly Premises Bylaw.

Since receiving the initial complaint staff have attempted to work with the property owner in order to achieve voluntary compliance with the Unsightly Premises Bylaw. A compliance letter mailed to the owner on 2012 January 10 resulted in the removal of the debris and the boarding up of the vacant dwelling. However, continued monitoring of the property revealed that the property was once again accumulating unsightly material. A second letter was sent to the owner on 2012 May 28 requesting that the property again be brought into compliance before 2012 June 4. As of 2012 June 06, the property remained unsightly and a Bylaw Violation notice was issued to the property owner. The Bylaw Violation notice also failed to achieve compliance.

Despite efforts by staff to achieve voluntary compliance with the Bylaw, the properties remain unsightly and additional debris has been accumulating. The property remains vacant and is awaiting subdivision approval. An application for demolition was applied for on 2012 June 06.

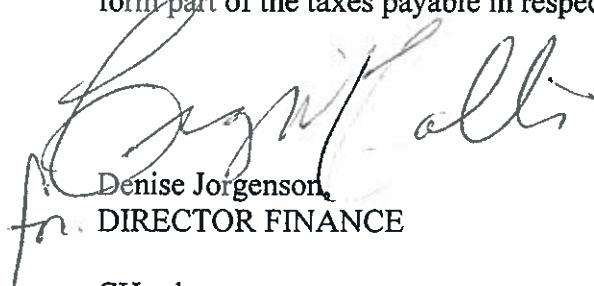
As a result of the continued, significant bylaw violations, staff request Council approval to have City personnel or agents enter the property to perform the necessary clean up, removal and disposal of discarded materials and debris contributing to unsightly conditions at the expense of the property owner.

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The estimate for clean up, removal and disposal of the discarded items on the property at 5420 Canada Way is approximately \$ 2,000.00.

Photographs of the property, taken 2012 June 21 are attached (*attachment 1 and attachment 2*).

Under the provisions of the Burnaby Unsightly Premises Bylaw, No.5533, Council may authorize the City by its 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 31<sup>st</sup> day of December of the year in which the expenses were incurred, shall be added to and form part of the taxes payable in respect of that real property as taxes in arrears.

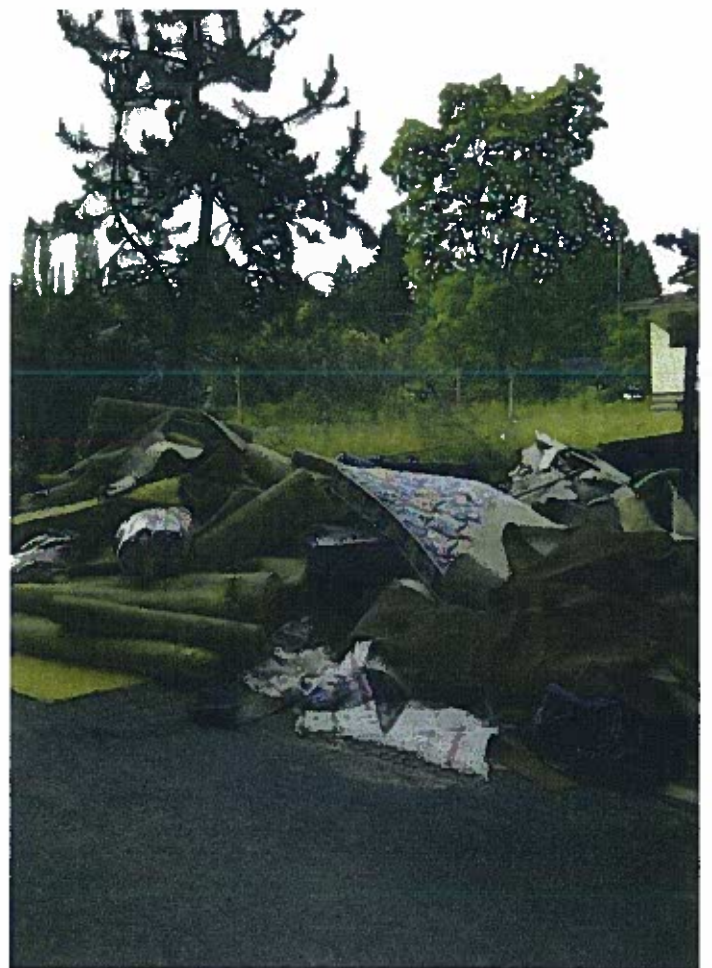


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