



Item
Meeting 2017 Apr 24

COUNCIL REPORT

TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2017 April 05

FROM: DIRECTOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES **FILE:** 4800-20

SUBJECT: UNSIGHTLY PREMISES AT 7647 WILLARD STREET

PURPOSE: To obtain Council authority for City Staff and/or agents to enter onto the property at 7647 Willard Street in order to bring the property into compliance with the Burnaby Unsightly Premises Bylaw, No. 5533.

RECOMMENDATION

1. **THAT** Council authorize City staff and/or agents to enter the property at 7647 Willard Street to remove and dispose of all overgrowth, materials and debris contributing to the unsightliness of the property at the expense of the property owner.
2. **THAT** on completion of the cleanup the directors of Globe Foundry Limited be invoiced for the actual work performed, and if the charges for such work should remain unpaid on the 31st day of December of the year in which the expenses are incurred, they be added to and form part of the taxes payable in respect of the real property, as taxes in arrears.

REPORT

The property at 7647 Willard Street is zoned Administration and Assembly District (P2) and is currently vacant with no improvements. The property is registered to Globe Foundry Limited and was subject to a Council authorized cleanup in June of 2014. The 2014 cleanup action, included the removal of the buildings and was undertaken after numerous complaints were received by the City from neighbouring residents concerning dumping on the property.

Subsequent to the actions in 2014 to bring the property into compliance, the Licence Office has received four additional complaints regarding the state of the property. The first of the four new complaints was received on 2016 June 21. Site visits by staff confirmed the property is again unsightly as a large amount of dumping has occurred on the vacant site contrary to the Burnaby Unsightly Premises Bylaw.

Similar to the experience prior to the 2014 cleanup, staff have been unsuccessful in their attempts to find, or make contact with any person responsible for the property. The company contact

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information for Globe Foundry Limited was received from the BC Corporate Registry Service. On 2017 February 17, staff sent three letters requesting the property be cleaned. A letter was sent to each of the two named directors and a third was sent to the registered office. Except for one letter sent to a director at a Prince Rupert address, the other letters were returned as undelivered. No response was received and the state of the property remains unchanged.

A recent corporate summary shows that the company has been now been formally dissolved. The property is currently in delinquent of taxes and has escheated to the Province of BC, however Globe Foundry Limited is still listed as the the registered owner of the property according to Land Title and Survey Authority records received on 2017 April 05.

Given the public complaints and the ever increasing accumulations of debris on the site staff is now seeking Council authority to undertake a clean-up of the site.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that, under the provisions of the Burnaby Unsightly Premises Bylaw No.5533.:

1. Council authorize the municipality by its workmen or others, to enter onto the property at 7647 Willard Street to effect the removal and the disposal of any overgrowth, debris or materials contributing to the unsightliness of the property at the expense of the property owner.
2. On completion of the cleanup the directors of Globe Foundry Limited be invoiced for the actual work performed, and if the charges for such work should remain unpaid on the 31st day of December of the year in which the expenses are incurred, they be added to and form part of the taxes payable in respect of the real property, as taxes in arrears.



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Attachment: 1 – Aerial Photo of Subject Site on 7647 Willard Street
2 – Pictures of 7647 Willard Street

Copied to: Director Engineering



Pictures Taken 2017 April 05



