
TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2015 December 02

FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE **FILE:** 4800-20

SUBJECT: UNSIGHTLY PREMISES AT 8062 ELEVENTH AVENUE

PURPOSE: To obtain Council authority to have City staff and/or agents enter onto the property at 8062 Eleventh Avenue in order to bring the property into compliance.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council authorize City staff and/or agents to enter the property at 8062 Eleventh Avenue to remove and dispose of all overgrowth and debris contributing to the unsightliness of the property at the expense of the property owner as permitted under the Burnaby Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 5533.

REPORT

In April of 2015, the Licence Office received a complaint alleging that the property located at 8062 Eleventh Avenue was unsightly. Site inspections performed by staff revealed large amounts of overgrowth and discarded furniture in the front, rear and side yards contrary to the Burnaby Unsightly Premises Bylaw.

In order to achieve voluntary compliance, staff has made several unsuccessful attempts to make contact with the property owners or other persons responsible for the property. Two compliance letters were sent to the property owners on 2015 April 22, and 2015 June 19, however staff later discovered the correspondence in an overflowing mailbox during a subsequent inspection. Repeated staff inspections of the property have not found any person(s) residing at the property and the property remains in an unsightly state accumulating additional debris. Neighbours have advised staff that the house has been vacant for approximately one year.

Under the provisions of the Burnaby Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 5533, Council may authorize the municipality by its workmen and others to enter the property and effect removal of the unsightly material at the expense of the property owner(s). If the charge for the removal of unsightly materials remains unpaid on the 31st day of December of the year in which the expenses are incurred, the expense shall be added to and form part of the taxes payable in respect of that property as taxes in arrears. An estimate of \$10,000 for the cost to perform the cleanup at 8062 Eleventh Avenue has been provided by the City's Engineering Department.

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Attachment: 1. Pictures of 8062 Eleventh Avenue

Copied to: Director Engineering

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