
TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2015 December 09

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

SUBJECT: UNSIGHTLY PREMISE AT 4014 NITHSDALE STREET

PURPOSE: To obtain Council authority for City staff and/or agents to enter onto the property at 4014 Nithsdale Street in order bring the property into compliance.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council authorize City staff and/or agents to enter the property at 4014 Nithsdale Street to remove and dispose of all overgrowth, debris and derelict vehicles contributing to the unsightliness of the property at the expense of the property owner as permitted under Burnaby Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 5533.

REPORT

In August of 2014, the Licence Office received a complaint alleging that the property located at 4014 Nithsdale was unsightly. A site inspection performed shortly after receipt of the complaint revealed large amounts of overgrowth, debris and a derelict vehicle in the rear yard, contrary to the Burnaby Unsightly Premises Bylaw. Staff attempted to work with the property owners in order to achieve voluntary bylaw compliance. Three compliance letters were sent to the property owners on 2014 August 15, 2014 September 23, and again on 2014 October 27. In addition, telephone calls were also placed to the property owners on 2014 October 20, November 12, November 18 and 2015 January 09.

On 2014 December 09, after the property owner had agreed to clean the site, staff conducted a site inspection and noted that some progress had been made with the cleanup. However despite some progress the property was still not in compliance. On 2015 January 15, staff conducted a further follow up inspection and found the property unchanged from the previous inspection. In an attempt to encourage compliance four sets of tickets have been issued to the property owners. To date only one ticket has been paid. A second complaint from another complainant was received on 2015 August 10.

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 \$12,000 for the cost to perform the cleanup at 4014 Nithsdale Street has been provided by the City's Engineering Department.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denise Jorgenson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Denise" being more prominent and the last name "Jorgenson" following in a similar style.

Denise Jorgenson
DIRECTOR FINANCE

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Attachment: 1 – Pictures of 4014 Nithsdale Street

cc: Director Engineering

ATTACHMENT 1

