
TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2016 April 06

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

SUBJECT: UNSIGHTLY PREMISE AT 6751 SIXTH STREET

PURPOSE: To obtain Council authority for City staff and/or agents to enter onto the property at 6751 Sixth Street to bring the property into compliance.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council authorize City staff and/or agents to enter the property at 6751 Sixth Street to remove and dispose of any overgrowth, debris or derelict vehicles contributing to the unsightliness of the property at the expense of the property owner.

REPORT

In 2015 May, the Licence Office received a complaint alleging that the property located at 6751 Sixth Street was unsightly. A site inspection performed shortly after receipt of the complaint revealed large amounts of overgrowth and debris in the front, side and rear yards as well as a derelict vehicle contrary to the Burnaby Unsightly Premises Bylaw.

Since receiving the complaint staff have attempted to work with the property owners in order to achieve voluntary compliance. Five compliance letters were sent to the property owners on 2015 July 21, 2015 August 28, 2015 October 01, 2016 February 02 and 2016 March 04. In addition, site inspections with one of the property owners took place on 2016 February 04, 2016 March 03, 2016 March 23 and 2016 March 29. During this period the property owner had expressed a willingness to clean the property voluntarily however the inspections revealed that minimal progress was being made.

On 2016 March 23, after the property owner had again agreed to clean the site, staff conducted a site inspection and noted that despite some additional progress the property was still not in compliance. As an act of final good will and because of the property owner's efforts at the time, staff agreed to allow the property owner an additional 10 days to remove the derelict vehicle, remaining overgrowth and debris from the property. A follow up inspection on 2016 April 04 determined that work had not been completed. Staff now request that City crews undertake the required cleanup of the property.

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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 \$15,000 for the cost to perform the cleanup at 6751 Sixth Street has been provided by the City's Engineering Department.

It is recommended that Council authorize City staff and/or agents to enter the property at 6751 Sixth 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.



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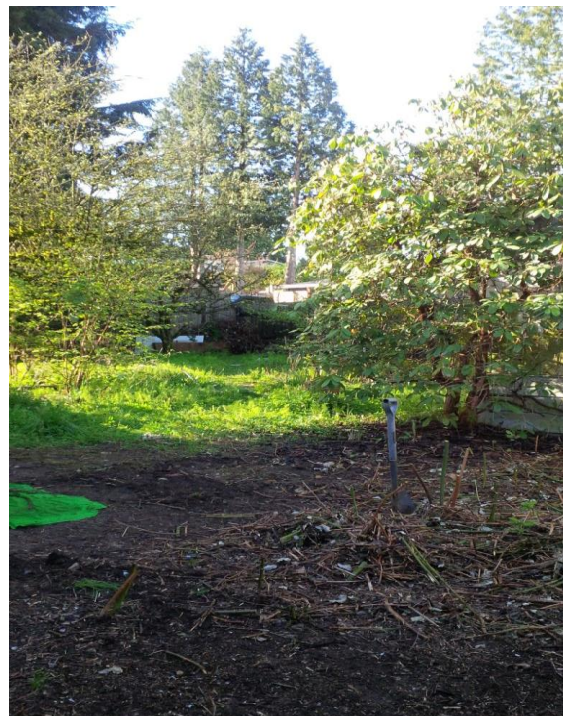
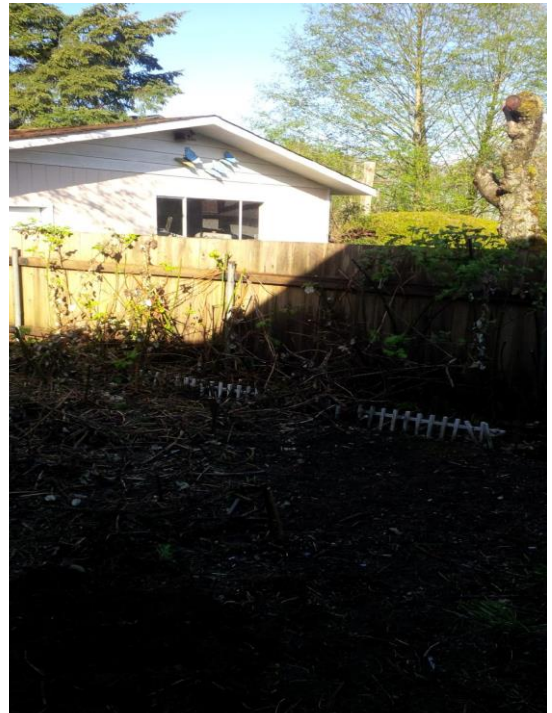
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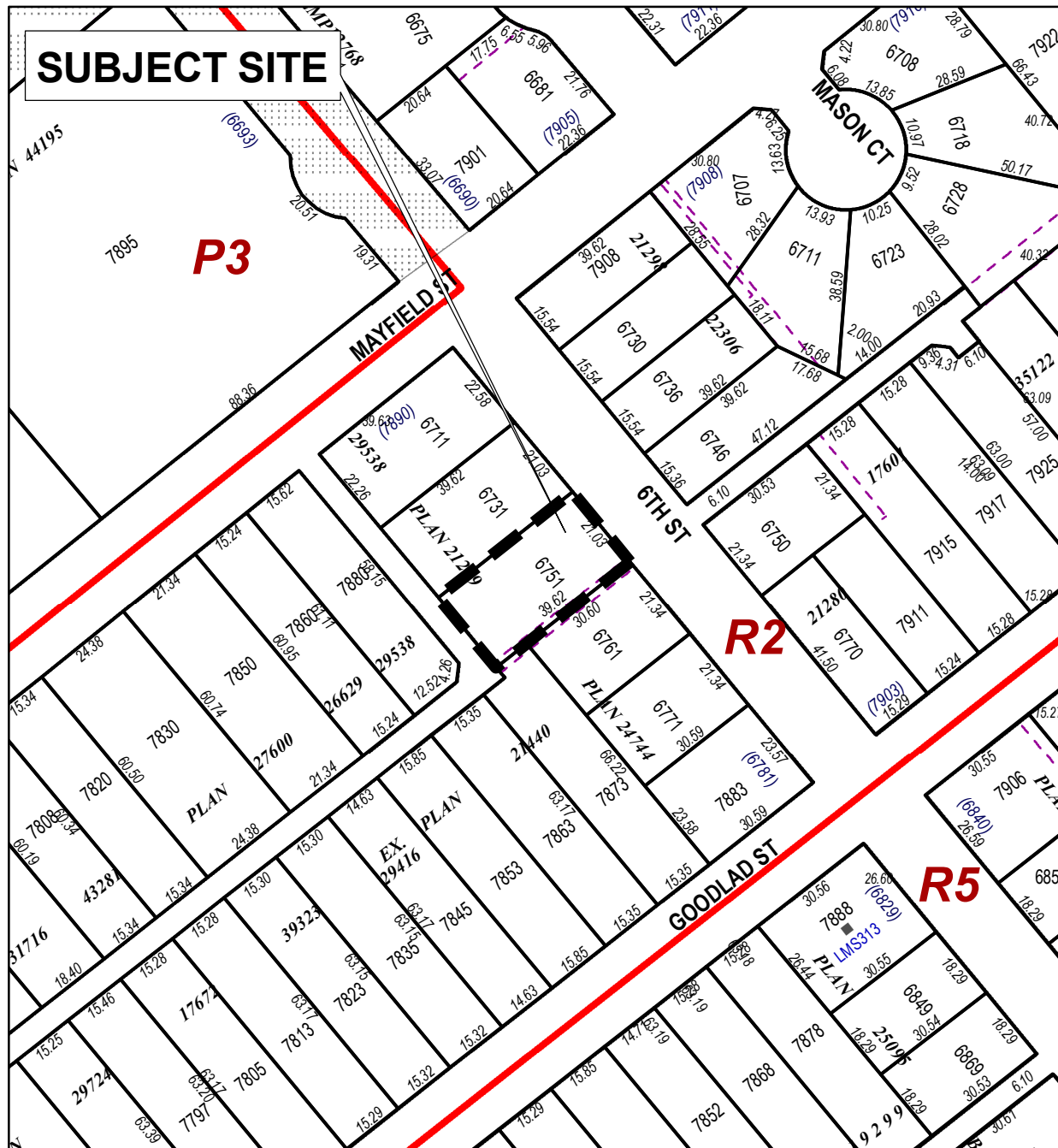
Attachments: 1 – Pictures of 6751 Sixth Street
2 – Map of 6751 Sixth Street

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ATTACHMENT 1

Pictures of 6751 Sixth Street





PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT



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6751 SIXTH STREET



Subject Site

Sketch #1