
TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2017 October 11

FROM: DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY & **FILE:** RFS17-01650
COMMUNITY SERVICES

SUBJECT: UNSIGHTLY PREMISES AT 6227 PORTLAND STREET

PURPOSE: To obtain Council authority for City Staff and/or agents to enter onto the property at 6227 Portland 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 6227 Portland Street to remove and dispose of any overgrowth and/or debris contributing to the unsightliness of the property at the expense of the property owner.

REPORT

On 2017 July 13 the Licence Office received a complaint alleging the residential property located 6227 Portland Street was unsightly. A site inspection performed shortly after receipt of the complaint, confirmed that the property was unsightly and had large amounts of overgrowth and debris in the front, side and rear yards contrary to the Burnaby Unsightly Premises Bylaw. The home appeared to be vacant.

Since receiving the complaint, staff have been unsuccessful in all attempts to make contact with the property owner and resolve the bylaw violations voluntarily. Repeated visits to the property and two compliance letters sent to the property owner on 2017 July 14 and 2017 September 06 have not resulted in any response. On 2017 September 13, the second compliance letter was returned to the Licence Office marked "unclaimed". On 2017 September 15, a copy of that letter was posted on the front door of the residence. A follow up inspection on October 03 found the letter still posted on the front door.

In addition to the letters, staff have also attempted to reach the property owner by telephone again with no success.

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Three additional complaints have been received by the Licence Office (on 2017 September 01, September 05 and September 07) from three separate neighbouring property owners regarding the state of the property.

The Licence Office has received Unsightly Premises complaints about 6227 Portland Street in the past. As a result of neighbourhood complaints, in 2004 and again in 2009, Council authorized City crews to clean up the property at the expense of the owner. In 2013 September another complaint was received, however in this instance the property was brought in to compliance voluntarily after letters were sent to the property owner.

As a result of the bylaw violation staff request Council authorize City personnel or agents to enter the property to perform the necessary clean-up contributing to unsightly conditions, at the expense of the property owner.

Under the provisions of the Burnaby Unsightly Premises Bylaw No.5533, Council may authorize the municipality by its employees or other persons, at reasonable times and in a reasonable manner, may enter on the property and effect the clearing at the expense of the person who failed to comply, and the expenses for so doing, if unpaid on the 31st 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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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Attachment: Pictures of 6227 Portland Street, Burnaby (front and rear)

Copied to Director Engineering

Attachment 1:



Attachment 2:

