
TO: CITY MANAGER**DATE:** 2017 Oct 23**FROM:** DIRECTOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND
COMMUNITY SERVICES**SUBJECT:** UNSIGHTLY PREMISES AT 4121 ETON STREET**PURPOSE:** To obtain Council authority for City Staff and/or agents to enter onto the property at 4121 Eton 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 4121 Eton Street to remove and dispose of any overgrowth and debris contributing to the unsightliness of the property at the expense of the property owner.

REPORT

On 2017 June 29, the Licence Office received a complaint alleging the property located at 4121 Eton Street was unsightly. Site inspections performed shortly after receipt of the complaint, confirmed that the property was unsightly and had large amounts of overgrowth in the front, side and rear yards contrary to the Burnaby Unsightly Premises Bylaw. During the inspection, staff attempted to speak with the inhabitants of the home, however no one answered the door. It was noted that the dwelling appeared to be vacant.

Staff sent two letters to the property owner on 2017 July 04 and 2017 July 20, requesting the property be brought into compliance. The state of the property remained unchanged and staff placed several telephone calls to the property owner as well as attended the site on several occasions attempting to speak with the owner or occupant(s). All attempts to contact the property owner have been unsuccessful.

Subsequent to the original complaint, two additional complaints have been received regarding the unsightly state of this property (2017 August 11 and 2017 September 11) from two separate neighbouring property owners.

Despite staff efforts the property remains in an unsightly state and there has been no contact with the property owner. A resident in the area informed Licence Office staff by telephone that the person on title may be deceased. A search of the Land Title record was undertaken by the City Solicitor and there was no notice of an estate executor or administrator for the property.

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As a result of the continued contravention of Burnaby's Unsightly Premises Bylaw, staff request Council approval to have City personnel or agents 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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Copied to: Director Engineering

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