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Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 10:02 AM
To: Zeinabova, Blanka <Blanka.Zeinabova@burnaby.ca>
Subject: Re: RE: Problems with street performers in Burnaby/ Metrotown area

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I would like to appear as a Delegation before Council on January 27.

My name is Milo Danilovic,

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Burnaby, BC [REDACTED]

Subject: Need for regulation of Busking/ street performing in Burnaby

Explanation of topic: Busking is making some places in Burnaby like Metrotown residential area close to Skytrain Station NOT livable because of high level of noise of street performers and preachers as well as extended periods of time these people spend in the area making noise.

Thank you
Milo Danilovic

From: Milo Danilovic [REDACTED]
Sent: January-12-20 3:11 PM
To: clarks@burnaby.ca; Mayor
Subject: Problems with street performers in Burnaby/ Metrotown area

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Hello,

Few days ago, I called again city of Burnaby to complain about noise of street performers at Metrotown area. It happened the same as many times before I was transferred from engendering to licensing and with no help in the end except for providing information about creating new policy and that in that regard I would need to send email to clarks@burnaby.ca

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Dir. Corporate Services
Dir. Public Safety & Community Services

This is a problem that has been going on for very long time/ years in Metrotown area with no resolution.

It seems that the main problem is not having any specific regulations that would cover busking/ street performers in the city of Burnaby. If you think that this issue could be covered in some other way you would be wrong as it is not working at all. For example, if RCMP is called for peace disturbance complaint most likely they would not do anything, it would be something at the bottom of their priority list. If they do come they just ask the person to leave. What happens next is even funny, the person would come back right after makes sure police is gone. Transit police or skytrain attendants do not want to get involved stating that it would be city of Burnaby's responsibility since the spot where they are standing is city of Burnaby's property.

It has been few years when we started having this problem in Metrotown area, specifically by Metrotown skytrain station. Then last couple of years intensified with culminating last half a year. I live very close to Metrotown skytrain station. Sometimes busking noise get so annoying and disturbing. If I want to rest after work, I can't because I hear it in my bedroom. In summer time if it is too hot and I want to open window I can't because I would hear that sound and would be much more disturbing than with windows closed.

We do need bylaw policy and enforcement that would specifically regulate street performers/ busking like they have in city of Vancouver and other cities. It is obvious that now with Burnaby and especially Metrotown area becoming much more urban we need to regulate busking/ street performers. We can, at least, just copy/ paste Vancouver city regulations, link is here:

<https://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/busking-and-street-entertainment.aspx>

All of us living south of Metrotown skytrain station are especially in undesirable position. With construction going on just across alley and noise from Skytrain and traffic we should be at least saved from busking noise. These people doing busking use strong amplifications and microphones. For example, City of Vancouver makes rules about level of noise pointing out that it should be intended to audience within 30 feet. But here I have problem in my bedroom in second building from SkyTrain when people do busking in front of skytrain entrance. The problem is that resolution of this problem is not coming and we, tenants are being terrorised on daily basis by this noise whether it's coming from instruments with powerful amplifiers or people singing or doing preaching and using microphones, they come and shout for few hours in microphone.

We do have street performers that come here on daily basis, but we do not have regulations like some other cities that would regulate level of noise they make, how much time they can spend and where exactly they would be allowed to perform if allowed. It is long over due for city of Burnaby to come with such regulations. We have situations that some of them are obviously with some mental issues and come here to "perform" and make lot of annoying noise. There is a person that comes here almost every day and spends even 10 hours or more "performing".

I heard that If they are banned in city of Vancouver or couldn't get license to perform there then they just come to Burnaby and do what ever they like since we do not have any regulations and/ or enforcement here.

Right now we do not have any workable mechanism available that we can use to resolve this problem, but just to go out and argue and fight these "street performers".

I heard that this also happens sometimes at Edmonds skytrain station as well as on Hastings street in north Burnaby.

Can you please help regulating busking in Burnaby especially in Metrotown area which is probably the most affected area?

Can you help at least by putting on a temporary measure that would ban amplifiers until busking regulation/ policy is completed?

I am sending you photo of Metrotown skytrain station area. I circled residential buildings most affected by noise of "street performers" (low rise buildings with very poor sound isolation). Sign "X" is where they usually stand.

Hope you would do something about this situation

Thank you

Milo Danilovic