



Corporate Report

NO: R253

COUNCIL DATE: December 8,

2003

REGULAR

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: November 26, 2003
FROM: City Solicitor FILE: 5400-80-15600
SUBJECT: Condition of Property at 9265 – 156 Street (the "Property")

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council instruct staff to prepare for consideration at an upcoming Regular Council meeting a corporate report and by law pursuant to Section 698 of the *Local Government Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 323 (the "Act") to address the issues set out in this report.
2. That the registered owner of the Property (the "Owner") be notified of the proposed by law and be requested to attend Council in order to speak to the proposed by law.
3. That a copy of this report be forwarded to the Owner of the Property, and to the owners of registered charges against the Property.

INTENT

It is the intent of this report to advise Council of the condition of the Property, which staff believes is unsightly and in violation of the Surrey Community Standards and Unsightly Property By-law, 1997, No. 13150 (the "Unsightly By law").

DISCUSSION

The City received a number of complaints that the Property had become unsightly on June 18, 1997. Since that time the By law Enforcement & Licensing Section has dealt with the Property Owner to attempt to gain voluntary compliance and a clean up of the Property. During that time additional complaints have been made to the City.

In March of 2003, the Owner of the Property was given another notice that the Property was unsightly and estimating the cost of the City entering on the Property and conducting a clean up would be \$29,600.

To date the Owner has taken very little action to address the unsightliness of the Property and it is now appropriate for Council to consider exercising its powers under Section 698 of the **Act** requiring the Owner to remove the unsightly accumulations of discarded materials, rubbish and garbage from the Property.

If Council passes the recommendations set out above, the Section 698 corporate report and draft by law will be prepared for Council's consideration at an upcoming meeting.

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City Solicitor

cc Kelly Rayter, Assistant City Solicitor
John Sherstone, Manager, By-laws & Licensing Services
Pat Turner, By-law Enforcement Officer

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