



Corporate Report

NO: R210

COUNCIL DATE: October 16, 2006

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: October 6, 2006
FROM: City Solicitor FILE: 6630-01; 0550-20-10
SUBJECT: 9985 Grace Road & Royal Heights Neighbourhood Association

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council:

1. receive this report as information; and
2. authorize the City Clerk to forward a copy of this report to the chairperson for the Royal Heights Neighbourhood Association as information.

BACKGROUND

In early July 2006 staff provided information to Council with respect to the concerns of the Royal Heights Neighbourhood Association regarding the operation of a steel storage yard at 9985 Grace Road (the "Property") and actions that staff were taking to address those concerns. At that time By-law and Licensing staff was working with the owners of 425480 B.C. Ltd. (dba "TMS Transportation"), the operator of the storage yard, toward relocating this storage yard to another suitable site. Since that time the operator has acquired another property and has completed extensive ground preparation to facilitate the storage of steel at that site.

DISCUSSION

The Manager, By-law and Licensing has been in recent contact with the owners of TMS Transportation and has been advised that the majority of their steel shipments are now being directed to the other property. The storage yard at the 9985 Grace Road is only being used for distribution of steel currently stored on that Property. The hours of operation at the subject Property have been significantly reduced since it was in peak operation and will be reduced further as the steel stored on the property continues to diminish with out-going shipments. The TMS Transportation lease on the Property expires January 1, 2007 and will not be renewed.

The Manager, Bylaws and Licensing has been in regular communication with the Royal Heights Neighbourhood Association spokesman. The reduction in the hours of operation at the Property has had a positive impact on the concerns of the area residents. The most recent conversation with the neighbourhood spokesman was October 6, 2006.

CONCLUSION

The By-law and Licensing Section has worked with both the area residents and TMS Transportation to facilitate a resolution to the concerns of the neighbourhood.

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