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REGULAR COUNCIL			
TO:	MAYOR & COUNCIL	DATE:	
FROM:	General Manager, Planning & Development	FILE:	5591-056
SUBJECT:	Amendments to Municipal Ticket Information Utilization By-law, 1994, No. 12508 (the MTI By-law)		

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council:

1. Approve the amendments to the MTI By-law attached as Appendix "A" to this report (the "Proposed Changes");
2. Instruct the City Clerk to introduce an amending by-law to incorporate the Proposed Changes.

INTENT

It is the intent of this report to update Council on proposed amendments to the By-law to accomplish the following:

1. Allow for the writing of MTI tickets for offences pertaining to library facilities as specified in the amendments to the MTI By-law;
2. Allow for such method of enforcement of regulatory offences by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (R.C.M.P.) and By-Law Enforcement personnel.

Section 272 of the Local Government Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 323 (the "Act") gives the City the ability to enforce certain of its regulatory by-laws by way of a short form of information called a Municipal Ticket Information ("MTI ticket"). Pursuant to this authority, the City has enacted the MTI By-law. The By-law designates which regulatory by-laws of the City may be enforced by way of an MTI ticket, specifies the persons who have the power to write an

MTI ticket and sets a specified fine amount for a fine violation.

On March 6, 2000 the Council adopted the Surrey Public Library Facilities Regulation By-law (By-law No. 13804). This By-law specifies rules and regulations which ensure the best use is made of all library facilities within the City. It also empowers the Library Board and the Chief Librarian to carry out those rules and regulations.

The Municipal Ticket Utilization Information is required as a schedule of fine amounts for the Library Facilities Regulation By-law. This schedule sets the fine amounts that will be levied for the various infractions detailed in the By-law. We recommend that only the By-Law Enforcement unit and the R.C.M.P. be given the authority to write the MTI tickets. This will provide them with a more efficient and expedient method to enforce this regulatory by-law.

Fine amounts must be approved by the Chief Judge of the Provincial Court of British Columbia and are set with reference to the minimum and maximum fine prescribed in the by-law as well as the seriousness of the offence. The fine amounts paid by an accused are retained by the City.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing information and to ensure more effective enforcement of the Library Facilities Regulation By-law, we recommend that Council adopt the Proposed Changes. These changes serve to promote the safety and general welfare of the community and ensure the best use is made of all library facilities within the City.

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