

CITY OF VANCOUVER

Ref. #636

VANCOUVER, B.C.
19th October, 1942.

D.M. MacKay, Esq.,
Indian Commissioner for B.C.,
P.O. Box 70,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re Taxation of Non-Indian Lessees on Musqueam Indian Reserve No. 2, and supply of water by the City.

Referring to your letter of 25th June last, and to our conference with yourself and Mr. Ball on 19th August, 1942, when you proposed that, in return for assistance to be given in the collection of taxes from the non-Indian lessees, the City should cooperate with your Department by assuming the cost of laying a section of the water pipe for a distance of approximately 1820 feet outside the City limits along the northern boundary of the Reserve to cost approximately \$1,000, I have to advise that the City Engineer has made his report on the proposed installation as projected by the Dominion Power and Water Bureau and the whole scheme has been submitted to the Crown Lands Committee of the City Council with the following result:-

City officials admit the great difficulty so far experienced in collecting taxes from the Chinese tenants and welcome the suggested cooperation of the Indian Agent.

The City Engineer reports that the installation of approximately 1,000 feet of 2 inch and 820 feet of 1½ inch temporary pipe, proposed by the Dominion Power & Water Bureau, might give all the domestic water required by the Indians but it would be totally inadequate for fire fighting and quite useless to supply any future development. He estimates the minimum cost to the City of an efficient water service at approximately \$5,550.00 made up as follows:

6 inch main, 41st Ave. Crown Street to City boundary (within the City limits).....	\$2,200.00
1,000 ft. 6 inch main west of City boundary.....	2,700.00
820 ft. 2 inch main further west.....	650.00
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