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REGION ORDERS LITTER REMOVED FROM PROPERTY

Junk would cost thousands to clean up

by BERNICE TRICK
Citizen Staff

The owner of 2.5 acres of accumulated litter has been given 14 days to remove the debris or face the \$70,000 cost of someone else cleaning it up.

Harold Jones said at a hearing Thursday he is moving the material and that it should be gone by the end of August from 16210 East Perry Rd.

Jones, who lives there but doesn't own the property, said he is waiting for a car crusher to come to deal with a number of the 75 automobiles on the property, he told his accusers — Fraser-Fort George Regional District directors.

Jones said he's doing what he can, but that it doesn't help matters when the regional district closes the landfill site gate at night, forcing him to wait until morning to unload the refuse.

Nevertheless, board members directed him to remove tons of "debris, waste, refuse, abandoned and damaged materials, car

bodies and portions of bodies, auto parts and damaged trailers or house trailers" from the site.

Pictures displayed at the hearing also show lots of bicycles, rolls of copper wire, appliances, barrels, containers and a pigpen pointed out by Jones.

"The only thing you guys missed was the pigpen," said Jones, who accused bylaw enforcement officials of telling him to do one thing and, when he does it, telling him to do another.

"One time you say put things out back. Next time you say 'Don't put it there.'"

Just what the heck am I supposed to do?" said Jones, adding he intends to burn a lot of the materials with the co-operation of a volunteer fire department.

Directors were told area residents have complained about the property, owned by Lorne Sprecher and Hazel Mudryk of Dunster.

The Ferndale Fire Department is reluctant to attend should a

fire break out and because of activities taking place after dark, a department official wrote in a letter to the regional district.

If the site is not cleaned up by June 30, the regional district will contract R.F. Klein and Sons to do the job.

It will cost \$48,000 for removal of debris, \$7,000 for RCMP officers to stay on the site 10 hours a day while the contractor works, \$3,000 for possible court injunction costs should Jones or property owners try and stop the contractor and \$15,000 in tipping fees at Foothills Landfill site.

The hearing was also attended by lawyer Roy Stewart, acting on behalf of FFRD and an RCMP officer.

Should the costs not be paid by Dec. 31, the bill will be added to the owner's property tax bill.

There have been two ordered cleanups of the property in 1992 and 1994, but complaints started again this year, said Don Clifford, bylaw enforcement officer.

CONVENTION IN PRINCE GEORGE

CUPE delegates cheer premier

by KEN BERNISOHN
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Premier Mike Harcourt accused Liberal leader Gordon Campbell of everything except failing to brush after meals, during a speech Thursday at the Canadian Union of Public Employees provincial convention in Prince George.

"One opposition party represents Howe Street and the other represents the 'Zalmites'" Harcourt said, referring to former Premier Bill Vander Zalm.

"We've made mistakes. God

knows we're not perfect. But then again in the next election we won't be running against perfection. We'll be running against Jack Campbell and Gordon Weisgerber," he said, deliberately confusing the names of the two opposition leaders.

Harcourt said that Campbell felt, "We can't afford our labor laws that provide safety and security to working people."

Campbell also is against current environmental protection laws, protecting medicare, new schools and universities,

according to Harcourt.

He also defended the NDP government, of course.

"B.C. has gone from a deficit of \$2.4 billion in 1991 to a surplus of \$100 million, a year ahead of schedule. And its been done without layoffs, wage rollbacks, and anti-union practices seen elsewhere in the country.

"I work hard to make sure the voice of labor is heard, and it is," he told labor union representatives.

The audience responded as programmed when Harcourt

asked, "Getting rid of laws protecting workers. Is that a good plan for you and your families?"

"Getting rid of Forest Renewal B.C. Is that a good plan for you and your family?"

"Cutting back on funding for health care and your children's education. Is that a good plan for you and your family?"

Harcourt got a standing ovation.

About 300 delegates are here for the convention, which ends Saturday at the Civic Centre.

Special treatment of parolee denied

Citizen news services

OTTAWA — An ex-convict who killed a man while on day parole in Prince George was not given special treatment because of possible links to the RCMP, the National Parole Board says.

Chairman Willie Gibbs wouldn't say if Paul Butler was an RCMP informant.

But he said that shouldn't have made a difference in his being granted parole.

"They made the decision based, I hope, on risk," Gibbs said Thursday.

The family of the victim says Butler bragged about working for the RCMP.

Butler, 28, described in official reports as a psychopath, was convicted in the September 1993 murder of Dennis Fichtenberg while on day parole after serving most of a 10-year sentence for armed robbery.

He had been released from Dorchester Penitentiary in New Brunswick in February 1993 and sent to a halfway house in Whitehorse.

After being convicted of break and enter, the parole board revoked his parole but gave him day parole.

Gibbs, who wasn't board chairman at the time, said that was an unusual decision.

"It's very seldom that on one hand you revoke a component of conditional release and on the other hand you grant the other component," he said.

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B.C. WEATHER OUTLOOK

Prince George: Today, mainly sunny. Uv 6.4. High 20. Saturday, cloudy with morning sunny periods. Scattered afternoon showers. Low 4. High 20.

Chilcotin: Today, sunny with afternoon cloudy periods and a 30 per cent chance of showers. Uv 6.6. High near 22. Saturday, mainly cloudy with a 60 per cent chance of showers. Low near 4. High near 20.

Cariboo: Today, sunny with afternoon cloudy periods. Uv 6.6. High 21. Saturday, mainly cloudy with scattered showers. Low 5. High 20.

Yellowhead: Today, sunny with afternoon cloudy periods and a 40 per cent chance of showers. Uv 6.5. High near 20. Saturday, mainly cloudy with a 60 per cent chance of afternoon showers. Low near 5. High near 20.

Williston: Today, cloudy with sunny periods and scattered showers. Uv 6.1. High 16. Saturday, mainly cloudy with scattered showers. Low 5. High 18.

Bulkley Valley: Today, sunny with cloudy periods. Scattered showers mainly in the north. Uv 6.2. High 19. Saturday, mainly cloudy with scattered showers. Low 3. High 18.

Okanagan: Today, mix of sun and cloud. Scattered afternoon showers. Uv 7.1. High 21. Saturday, cloudy with sunny periods. Scattered showers. Low 10. High 22.

Peace River: Today, a mix of sun and cloud. Minimum humidity 40 per cent. Winds light. Drying index high. Uv 6.0. High 8. Saturday, mainly cloudy with scattered showers. Low 6. High 21.

Vancouver: Today, sunny with cloudy periods. Locally windy. High 19 along the coast to 24 inland. Saturday, mainly cloudy with a few showers. Low 10. High 18. Probability of precipitation in per cent 10 today and 80 Saturday.

Victoria: Today, sunny with cloudy periods. Windy near the straits. High 21. Saturday, mainly cloudy with a few showers. Windy. Low 10. High 18. Probability of precipitation in per cent 10 today and 80 Saturday.

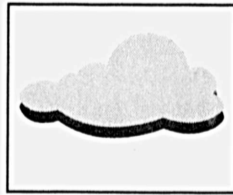
Fraser Valley: Today, sunny with cloudy periods. High near 23. Saturday, mainly cloudy with a few showers. Low 10. High 19. Probability of precipitation in per cent 20 today and 80 Saturday.

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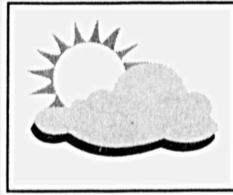
SATURDAY

Low near 7
High near 20
Sunrise: 4:37
Sunset: 9:45



SUNDAY

Low near 7
High near 21
Sunrise: 4:37
Sunset: 9:46



MONDAY

Low near 7
High near 20
Sunrise: 4:37
Sunset: 9:47

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