

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

A meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee was held in the Third Floor Committee Room, 2580 Shaughnessy Street, Port Coquitlam, on Tuesday, March 20, 1990 at 5:05 p.m.

In attendance were:

Alderman M. R. Wright, Chairman
Craig Reynolds (part)
Emmie Leung (part)
D.G. Riecken, Deputy Engineer

ITEM I: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Environmental Protection Committee Meeting held on Wednesday March 7, 1990, be considered read and adopted.

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ITEM II: RECYCLING PROGRAM

Mrs. Emmie Leung of International Paper Industries Ltd. was present to discuss the service that her company would be prepared to provide to the City in the matter of multi-material curbside collection and marketing of recyclables. She indicated that IPI would be prepared to enter into a five year contract for collection and marketing of recyclables which could be virtually identical to their current contract with the District of Coquitlam for an initial price in the order of \$18.50 per household per year. She suggested that the materials which should be included comprise three colors of glass, ferrous and non-ferrous metals, PET and HDPE plastic containers, newspaper, and possibly magazines and cardboard. She also suggested that, based on her experience, weekly collection results in a higher diversion rate than bi-weekly collection. IPI would take care of all advertising, education and promotional activities.

It was noted that one vehicle would not be sufficient to cover the 8,600 single family dwellings, and that two vehicles could service all single family households as well as the 2,800 apartment and townhouse dwellings with some capacity to spare.

IPI would undertake to start up a full multi-material curbside service covering single family dwellings together with newspaper collection currently undertaken by SHARE at multi-family sites by July 1, 1990 provided that a contract can be entered into by mid April. This lead time is necessary to procure the blue boxes, print brochures, etc. Apartments could be added later in the fall after IPI gets up and running with their program on the North Shore. Should this time frame not be achievable, they would be willing to contract for pickup of newspaper only in the interim, but this would mean that the full program implementation would be delayed until the fall.

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The Deputy Engineer informed the Committee that the Operations Manager was in the process of preparing a report on the City collection alternative, and that the report would not likely be completed for two weeks.

The Committee reviewed correspondence from Newstech Recycling Inc. requesting that the City support the GVRD in entering into a supply/sales contract for old newspapers with that firm. The Deputy Engineer noted that the GVRD is not in a position to enter into a contract with Newstech at this time because their solicitor has advised that formal tenders be called prior to entering into any such contracts. The Chairman noted that it would not be necessary to respond to Newstech's letter.

ITEM III: COMPOSTING PROPOSAL

Craig Reynolds was in attendance to present his revised proposal on establishing a composting facility in the City. Mr. Reynolds would like to establish his facility on a 5 acre leased site on Burns Road behind an existing wholesale nursery operation. He plans on utilizing horse manure, and would like access to yard debris as a bulking agent. He envisions either the City or a private contractor collecting yard waste for one week at the end of each month, May to October, and delivering it to his facility at a disposal charge in the order of \$10 to \$12 per tonne. The City would be expected to pay for the cost of collection in either case, but would save the current tipping fee of \$52/tonne at Wastech.

There were a number of concerns raised by the Committee including the introduction of truck traffic into a rural area, potential leachates from the operation, whether the land Commission would approve the operation, and what affect this would have on the current collection system. It was determined that staff should evaluate the proposal, seek clarification from Mr. Reynolds as necessary, and prepare a report for consideration by the Committee at a future meeting. The Chairman did express approval of the concept of composting yard wastes, but felt that the details would have to be worked out before the City could respond to the proposal.


ITEM IV: ANIMAL WELFARE GUIDELINES

Correspondence from the District of North Vancouver advising that no official changes to their bylaw with respect to animal welfare guidelines were currently in progress was received by the Committee for information.

ITEM V: ATMOSPHERIC CHANGE

Correspondence from the City of Vancouver Task Force on Atmospheric Change inviting comments on their discussion paper "Clouds of Change" was received by the Committee for information.

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ITEM VI: PACKAGING WORKSHOP

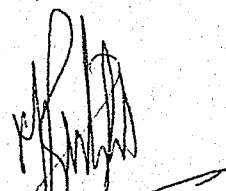
Information on an upcoming workshop on packaging materials was received by the Committee.

ITEM VII: OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman requested that the minutes of a meeting of the Fraser City Mayor's Coalition be distributed to members of Council for their information. Background materials relating to these minutes will be placed in the Aldermen's Room on the third floor.

The Meeting Adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



D.G. Riecken, P. Eng.,
Deputy City Engineer


Alderman M.R. Wright,
Committee Chairman

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Note: Minutes not read and adopted by the Committee until certified correct by the Committee Chairman's signature.

cc Mayor and Aldermen
City Administrator


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