

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 Wednesday, March 7, 1990 at 5:05 p.m.

In attendance were:

Alderman M.R. Wright, Chairman
D.G. Riecken, Deputy Engineer
Angela Lahlman, C.U.P.E.
Mark Hancock, C.U.P.E.
Blair Redlin, C.U.P.E.

ITEM I: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Environmental Protection Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, February 20, 1990 be considered read and adopted.

Carried.


ITEM II: RECYCLING PROGRAM UPDATE

Three representatives of C.U.P.E. were in attendance to present a verbal overview of their reasons why they felt the City should use their own collection crews to pick up recyclables at curbside as opposed to contracting the work to a private firm. They indicated that they intended to speak to Mr. Kelly of Dayton and Knight, and subsequently make a formal presentation to Council. The Chairman noted the urgency of getting on with the program and suggested that the meeting with Council be held on March 12, 1990, in Committee.

The Chairman reviewed correspondence from Pam Radcliffe who wanted to know whether the City would be implementing a curbside recycling program as Coquitlam has recently done. He suggested that a response should be sent to Ms. Radcliffe advising her of the date when the recycling program would be discussed in open Council once this date is known.

The Deputy Engineer informed the Chairman of the discussions held at the recent workshop sponsored by the GVRD to discuss Solid Waste Management Policy issues which he and Alderman Laking had attended. The Water and Environment Committee of the GVRD intends to summarize the points raised at the workshop and forward this information to all member municipalities in the near future.

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ITEM III: PACKAGING MATERIALS

Correspondence from Joy Langan supporting Council's concern about the proliferation of environmentally unfriendly packaging was received for information. As well, an article drafted by Dr. Arnott of the Simon Fraser Health Unit on this subject for inclusion in the City Newsletter, was reviewed and approved by the Chairman.

ITEM IV: QUALITY STANDARDS FOR BOTTLED WATER

The Chairman reviewed a request from the Canadian Water and Wastewater Association that Council adopt and forward a resolution to the F.C.M. urging the Federal Ministry of Health to include prepackaged (bottled) water in the Drinking Water Safety Act. This product is currently regulated by the Food and Drugs Act. The Guidelines For Canadian Drinking Water Quality which will be incorporated in the Drinking Water Safety Act are more stringent than the standards of the Food and Drugs Act.

It was agreed that the Committee would present this recommendation to Council for approval.


ITEM V: CHRISTMAS TREE BURN

The Chairman reviewed correspondence from Mr. and Mrs. Norie requesting that their suggestion that a wood chipper be considered as an alternative to burning of all land clearing waste, not only for Christmas trees. It was determined that the Nories should be informed of the efforts underway by the GVRD to call for proposals for regional woodchipping facilities, and that the City is waiting to see whether anything positive comes out of this proposal call before dealing with the matter further.

ITEM VI: OIL SLICK AT HARBOUR DRAINAGE WORKS

The Deputy Engineer reviewed a report prepared by staff on an investigation into an oil slick which was reported at the February 26, 1990 Council Meeting. The report noted that the source of the contamination could not be identified, and that all recent developments in the area have been required to install oil interceptors in their storm drainage systems. An oil capturing boom has been placed across the entrance to the Harbour Outlet Works. This will be kept in place and the ditches in the area periodically monitored to see if the source of the oil can be identified.

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ITEM VII: ENVIRONMENT YOUTH CORPS OF B.C.

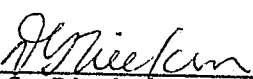
Correspondence from the Environment Youth Corps of B.C. was reviewed. This organization which is sponsored by the Ministry of Environment is available to work on environmental projects which may be sponsored by community groups or by the City. Project sponsors would have to initiate the projects and supply direction, materials, and equipment.

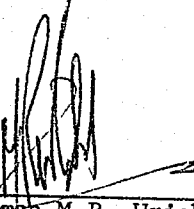
The Chairman suggested that the literature be forwarded to the Director of Parks and Recreation, and to the local Rod and Gun Club who may be interested in cleanup along the Coquitlam River during Pitch-In week.

ITEM VIII: OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Animal Control/Health Bylaw The Chairman expressed his wish to present all of the facts in the case of the raccoon being kept at 3627 McRae to Council In Committee to seek input as to whether the Bylaws governing the keeping of raccoons should be enforced in the circumstances of this case.

The Meeting Adjourned at 6:20 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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