

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

A meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee was held in the Engineering Department Meeting room, 2580 Shaughnessy Street, Port Coquitlam, on Tuesday, December 19, 1989 at 5:20 p.m.

In attendance were:

Alderman M.R. Wright, Chairman
Alderman J.J. Keryluk, Co-Chairman
D.G. Riecken, Deputy City Engineer

ITEM I: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Environmental Protection Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, October 25, 1989 be considered, read, and adopted.

Carried


ITEM II: REGULATION OF PACKAGING MATERIALS

The Committee reviewed a letter from Dr. Arnott of the Simon Fraser Health Unit which had been referred to the City Clerk subsequent to the October 25, 1989 Committee Meeting. Dr. Arnott had requested that the City enact a bylaw which would make it unlawful to possess or use packaging material which is non biodegradable or non recyclable.

The City Clerk has advised that, in his opinion, the City does not have the authority under the Municipal Act to regulate packaging materials. The Committee felt that, the above notwithstanding, Council should express concern about the proliferation of environmentally unfriendly packaging materials. The Committee recommends that Council be asked to express concern about the environmental impact of such packaging to our senior government elected officials, Mark Rose, Ian Waddell, and Joy Langan. As well, it was recommended that the next issue of the City Newsletter carry an article encouraging citizens to avoid use of this packaging material. It was also noted that the City should, where possible, avoid purchasing items which are packaged in non biodegradable or non recyclable materials.

ITEM III: ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW

The Committee reviewed a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Gregson which requested that the definition of vicious dogs be amended to specifically include Pitt Bull Terriers as Port Moody and some other lower mainland municipalities have done. The Committee felt that the current definition of vicious dog which was added to the Bylaw earlier this year was sufficient for the SPCA to deal with a vicious dog of any breed, and that it was wrong to single out any particular breed of dog. The Deputy Engineer was directed to respond to the Gregsons explaining the vicious dog provisions of the current Bylaw.


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ITEM IV: SELECTION OF A CONSULTANT TO ESTABLISH A RECYCLING PROGRAM

The Committee reviewed proposals received from Stanley Associates Engineering Ltd. and Dayton and Knight Ltd. for developing a recycling program for the City in accordance with terms of reference which were approved by Council on November 6, 1989. Stanley have estimated the cost at \$17,600 to \$24,600, and Dayton & Knight have estimated the cost at \$9,900 to \$18,600. Both consultants have outlined a very comprehensive program of tasks to be carried out which the Committee felt could be trimmed down considerably given the recent information available from the GVRD's McLaren Report and from other municipalities who have already established programs.

The Committee recommends that Council hire Dayton and Knight to carry out the work at a cost not to exceed \$12,000, and that Dayton and Knight be invited to attend the next Committee meeting to discuss the scope of work and clarify the intent of the terms of reference.

The funding for the consultant's work would be provided from the recycling reserve fund which is estimated to have \$13,900 available as of December 31, 1989.

ITEM V: OTHER BUSINESS:

(a) GRCDA RECYCLING SYMPOSIUM FEBRUARY 13-15, 1990 SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

The Deputy Engineer presented information on a recycling symposium sponsored by the Governmental Refuse Collection and Disposal Association (GRCDA) to be held in Seattle in February, 1990. The Committee recommended that the Deputy Engineer attend the symposium. The City Engineer will be requested to authorize this.


(b) MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 1990

The Committee agreed that meetings would be held on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 4:45 p.m.

There were no other items of business.

The Meeting Adjourned at 5:50 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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