

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 Wednesday, October 25, 1989 at 4:50 p.m.

In attendance were:

Alderman M.C. Farnworth, Chairman
Alderman M.R. Wright
T.M. Chong, City Engineer
D.G. Riecken, Deputy Engineer

ITEM I: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Environmental Protection Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, October 3, 1989 be considered read and adopted.

Carried

ITEM II: POWELL RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT LOGGING CONCERNS

The Committee reviewed requests from the Board of the Powell River Regional District that resolutions relating to a moratorium on logging of private lands in the Islands Trust area pending development and implementation of regulations governing such logging practice, and establishment of a Royal Commission of Enquiry to investigate various aspects of the forest industry in the Province, be adopted by Council.

The Committee recommended that the resolutions be forwarded to Council for adoption and submission to the appropriate government officials as requested.

ITEM III: OUTDOORS UNLITTERED REQUEST FOR GRANT

The Committee reviewed a request from Outdoors Unlittered for a \$600 grant to assist in Pitch-In Week for 1990. The Committee noted that the City has a no grants policy and directed that the City Treasurer respond to the request explaining the City policy while at the same time noting the City's support for Pitch-In Week.

ITEM IV: RESOLUTIONS RE: SMOKING - REQUESTS FROM DR. ARNOTT

The Committee reviewed two requests from Dr. Arnott of the Simon Fraser Health Unit relating to smoking and tobacco products.

The first request called for a resolution to be adopted by Council and submitted to the Federal Minister of Health and Welfare, the Honorable Perrin Beatty, asking him to ensure that brand names will not be used in the advertising of tobacco products.

The Committee recommended that this resolution be forwarded to Council for adoption and submission to Mr. Beatty as requested.

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The second request was that all restaurants in the City be requested in writing to set aside a minimum of 50% of their seating area for non-smoking patrons. The Committee noted that the City's Smoking Bylaw No. 2277 requires that 25% of seating shall be designated a non-smoking area, and saw no need to change this requirement.

ITEM V: NON-BIODEGRADABLE PACKAGING

The Committee reviewed a request from Dr. Arnott that a bylaw be passed prohibiting the use of non-biodegradable packaging material in retail outlets. It was felt that such regulations might be beyond Council's jurisdiction, and that the City Clerk should be requested to advise on the legality and enforceability of such a bylaw.

ITEM VI: RECYCLING PROGRAM


The City Engineer advised the Committee of the workload which is before his department and the priorities which have been established by the Public Works Committee. He recommended that in order for the Committee to identify what options for recycling programs are available and what pros and cons and cost-benefits would be associated with each, that a consultant be hired. This would allow a recommended program to be established sooner by a person or persons with greater expertise in the field than City staff members.

The Committee noted the urgency of getting on with the job so that the new program can be implemented before the newspaper collection contract with IPI and SHARE expires next June. The Committee agreed that broad terms of reference should be prepared and that Council authorization to issue a request for proposals from consultants should be sought at the November 6, 1989 Council Meeting.

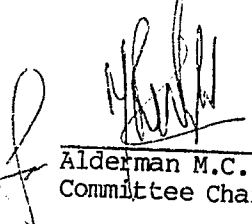
ITEM VII: OTHER BUSINESS:

There were no other items of business.

The Meeting Adjourned at 5:20 p.m.


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

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Alderman M.C. Farnworth,
Committee Chairman

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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