

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, October 3, 1989 at 4:45 p.m.

In attendance were:

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

ITEM I: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Environmental Protection Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, August 15, 1989 be considered read and adopted.

ITEM II: CFC CONTROL STRATEGIES

The Committee reviewed a letter from Mayor Copeland of Burnaby which suggested that the City should consider passing a bylaw similar to Burnaby's for the purpose of regulating the recovery of CFC's prior to product servicing and/or disposal. The Deputy Engineer advised the Committee members of the work currently being undertaken by the GVRD CFC Control Strategy Regional Task Force including development of municipal purchasing policies, public and industry information programs, systems for collection of CFC's from the domestic refrigeration waste stream and automotive air conditioners, as well as the development of a Regional CFC Control Bylaw. The task force intends to present a report to the Regional Board at their November meeting which will include a draft of the bylaw.


In view of the efforts being undertaken by the GVRD's Task Force, the Committee felt that it would be wise to wait until the above mentioned report has been considered by the Regional Board before considering Mayor Copeland's request.

ITEM III: MINIMUM CARE STANDARDS FOR HARBORING WILDLIFE

The Committee noted that the City Clerk has advised that it would be possible for Council to regulate the keeping of squirrels, skunks, and raccoons and to define areas in which they may be kept. The Committee recommends that the Animal Control Bylaw be amended to incorporate the guidelines contained in the Ministry of Environment's Policy Guide to the Wildlife Act for squirrels, skunks, and raccoons which are exempt from the permitting procedures of that Act.

ITEM IV: LITTER CONTROL

The Committee reviewed a letter submitted by Mr. Len Cuddeford offering some ideas for an anti-litter education program he was hoping to implement in the City's elementary schools. While the Committee members supported his idea, they felt that this item was more appropriately dealt with by the joint City/School Board Liaison Committee, and resolved to refer the letter to that Committee for consideration.

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ITEM V: COMPOSTING

The Committee reviewed an unsolicited proposal from Mr. Craig Reynolds describing a composting operation he is trying to establish. Mr. Reynolds asked for the City's assistance in locating a suitable site, securing financial assistance in the form of small business loans and government grants, and in making the public aware of his operation, once established.

The Committee felt that composting should not be considered until after a full scale multi-material curbside recycling program has been successfully established.

ITEM VI: NOW/TIMES RECYCLING INSERT - ADVERTISING

The Committee reviewed a notice from the Now/Times advising of an upcoming recycling insert and soliciting advertisements from the City. The Committee noted that participation in the newspaper recycling program has been on the increase, and that plans are not yet in place for a multi-material curbside collection system. It was therefore decided that an ad should not be placed in the insert.

ITEM VII: RECYCLING PROGRAM

The Committee felt that the time was right to request Council approval for a City wide multi-material curbside recycling program. It was noted that SHARE has verbally advised that they will not participate in any recycling programs after the current contract expires next summer. In view of this, the Committee felt that the recycling program should be tendered in a similar manner as the District of Coquitlam has done.


It was determined that a report on the expected costs, implementation options, etc. should be presented to the Committee at their next meeting for subsequent presentation to Council In-Committee.

ITEM VIII: OTHER BUSINESS:

The Co-Chairman noted that there was a considerable amount of litter present on the median of the Lougheed Highway in the area between PoCo Place and Metro Motors. The Deputy Engineer agreed to determine who was responsible for maintaining this median and request that it be cleaned up.

The Meeting at 5:40 p.m.



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


Alderman M.C. Farnworth,
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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