

City Clerk

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, August 15, 1989 at 4:45 p.m.

In attendance were:

Alderman M. Farnworth, Chairman  
Alderman M. Wright  
D.G. Riecken, Deputy Engineer  
Barry Bennett

ITEM I: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Environmental Protection Committee Meeting held on Friday, June 23, 1989 and Monday, July 17, 1989 be considered read and adopted.

ITEM II: DISCUSSION ON RECYCLING

This item was deferred to the next Committee Meeting.

ITEM III: REQUEST FOR QUIET HOUR DESIGNATION

The Committee reviewed a request that quiet hours be designated on weekends and holidays to prevent the disturbance of residents peace and quiet by such activities as lawn mowing. The Committee felt that, while such a provision may have some merit, there hadn't been any complaints lodged by local residents, and that they saw no reason at the present time to amend the Noise Abatement Bylaw to designate such quiet hours.

ITEM IV: OTHER BUSINESS

1. Regulations for Harboring Skunks, Squirrels, and Raccoons

Barry Bennett presented a request to the Committee that the City amend its Animal Control Bylaw to adopt the guidelines contained in the Ministry of Environment's Policy Guide to the Wildlife Act with respect to minimum standards of care for skunks, squirrels, and raccoons which are kept by residents. The Wildlife Act currently exempts these animals from the permitting procedures of the Act with the result that people can harbor these animals without having to obtain a permit from the Ministry. Mr. Bennett felt that if the City were to incorporate the policy guidelines in its Bylaw that people would be discouraged from keeping these animals as pets, and that the S.P.C.A. would have some guidelines to follow for those persons who chose to keep such an animal.

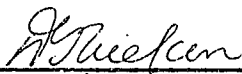
The Committee determined that the City Clerk should be consulted to advised on the legality of the City including these animals in the Bylaw, as this may not be provided for in the Municipal Act.

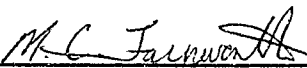
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2. Humane Education Program

Mr. Bennett referred to a program currently operating in the Maple Ridge School system to teach students how to treat animals humanely. He is attempting to establish a similar program in Port Coquitlam and was seeking support from Council. The Committee advised him that he could appear as a delegation to Council and so a resolution of support could be adopted by Council.

The Meeting<sup>adjourned</sup> at 5:20 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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