

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

A meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee was held in the Board Room, 2580 Shaughnessy Street, Port Coquitlam, on Tuesday, April 4, 1989 at 5:40 p.m.

In attendance were:

Alderman M.C. Farnworth, Chairman
Alderman M.R. Wright, Co-Chairman
D.G. Riecken, P. Eng., Deputy City Engineer

ITEM I: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee held on Wednesday, March 15, 1989 be taken as read and adopted.

Carried

ITEM II: AIR QUALITY MONITORING

The Deputy Engineer briefly described the current location and monitoring capability of GVRD air quality monitoring stations located within the City. Station 41 located at 2150 Wilson Avenue samples particulate matter once every 6 days on a year round basis. Station T21 at Sun Valley Park monitors ozone concentrations from April through September. The data is recorded on a paper chart on a continuous basis throughout the period of operations.

The GVRD is currently looking at installing telemetry equipment and sulphur dioxide monitoring equipment at the Sun Valley station subject to availability of space. This would give them real time, on-line data to use in computing the air quality index for the northeast sector of the region. They are also looking into relocating the Eagle Ridge station in Port Moody to a location in Coquitlam to provide a more centralized sampling location for the area. The Eagle Ridge station currently monitors a full range of air quality parameters.

The Committee felt that the GVRD should be requested to upgrade the monitoring station to sample a full range of air quality parameters on a year round basis. This would require that the City provide a minimum space of 2.5 meters by 5.0 meters which is accessible to power and telephone service.

ITEM III: PITCH-IN CAMPAIGN

This year's pitch-in week is May 1 - 7. The Committee determined that the City should provide assistance in coordinating the efforts of the various volunteer groups who participated last year and that these groups be invited to attend a coordination meeting on Saturday, April 29, 1989.

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The Committee also recommended that Council proclaim the weekend of May 6 and 7 to be PoCo Pride Days in conjunction with the pitch-in campaign, and that the Environmental Protection Committee budget be used to fund newspaper advertisements advising City residents of the proclamation and suggesting that they make an effort to clean up their environment in a spirit of community pride during the designated weekend.

ITEM IV: RECYCLING

The Chairman noted that he has been advised by SHARE that they intend to give six months notice to the effect that they will discontinue the pick-up of newspapers in the City. It was suggested that Derek Murphy be invited to attend the next EPC meeting to provide statistics on how much newspaper is being picked up in the City, and whether or not a subsidy in the amount of the tipping fee saved would be sufficient to prevent the discontinuation of the pick-up service. The Committee felt that every effort should be made to keep the pick-up of newspapers active.

ITEM V: 1989 BUDGET

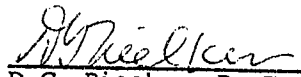
It was decided to defer discussion of this item pending the outcome of discussions with SHARE on the options available for continuation of the newspaper pick-up service.

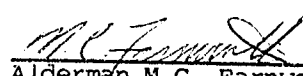
ITEM VI: OTHER BUSINESS

The proposed wording of the amendment to the Fire Prevention Bylaw as circulated by the City Clerk was discussed. The Committee agreed that the word "occupied" should be inserted between the words "on" and "properties" in section 5(b) of the amendment, and that a definition of toxic materials should be included in the amendment.

The GVRD's March 13, 1989 letter requesting comments or suggestions on the issue of CFC's was discussed. It was determined that the Committee would not comment on the issue due to the fact that the requested date for receiving comments had passed. However, the Committee supports the Federal initiatives with respect to CFC's.

The Meeting Adjourned at 6:20 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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