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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

A meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee was held in the Council Chambers on Friday, June 19, 1987 at 4:30 p.m..

Personnel in Attendance:

Alderman M.D. Gatas, Chairman
Alderman M. Wright, P. Eng., Co-Chairman
T.M. Chong, P. Eng., Deputy City Engineer
D. Madden, Fire Prevention Officer (in attendance for Item 1)

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommended:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee held on Thursday, May 21, 1987 be taken as read and adopted.

Carried

ITEM 1: TRACKING OF TOXIC OR HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

Doug Madden, the Fire Prevention Officer attended the meeting on behalf of the Fire Chief to discuss this matter. Doug advised the Committee that although the W.C.B. Regulations require the property owners to identify the presence of toxic or hazardous material stored or used on site for the benefit of fire fighters, he is not convinced that this is indeed being adhered to. He further advises that there is no requirement for them to report the presence of this material on site. he has in the past sent questionnaires requesting that the owners cooperate and provide the Fire Department with this information. The response has been poor however. The Committee thanked Doug for the briefing and proposes that a Bylaw be passed requiring the owners to report the storage and usage of toxic or hazardous material on their property. T. Chong advised the Committee that:

- a. Before a Bylaw is passed, the existence of an Legislature is necessary. Otherwise, the Bylaw is "Ultra-Virjes".
- b. The administrative requirements to inventory, update the information regularly and enforce the Bylaw will be phenomenal. Serious considerations should be given to this before drafting the Bylaw.

The Committee then instructed T. Chong to liaise with the City Clerk to determine whether or not such Enabling Legislature exists. If such legislature does not exist, then a resolution should be forwarded to the U.B.C.M. urging such legislature to be passed.

ITEM 11: REGION WIDE FREE CLEAN-UP WEEK FOR RESIDENTS

The letter from G.V.R.D. dated May 8, 1987 on this subject was discussed. Recognizing that this proposal would mean that the City of Port Coquitlam will be

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subsidizing other municipalities, the Committee decided that the City should not support this proposal. T. Chong will write to the G.V.R.D. advising them of same.

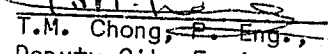
ITEM III: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW


The memo from the Bylaw Enforcement Officer dated May 20, 1987 was discussed. T. Chong advised that the Chief Bylaw Enforcement Officer was regrettably unable to attend due to the fact that he was on vacation. Alderman Gates stated that he will talk to the City Administrator and request that this matter be dealt with by discussions with the individual rather than amending the Bylaw just to deal with this single item.

ITEM IV: OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Letter from Special Waste Advisory Committee dated June 11, 1987 was tabled for discussions at a later date.
- b. Clean up of Coquitlam River - T. Chong raised this item to obtain some guidance from the Committee as to what further action they wish to take. Alderman Gates said that he would raise this item at the next Council-in-Committee meeting.
- c. Letter from S.H.A.R.E. Society dated May 20, 1987 was discussed with the following decisions made:
 - (i) That the city distribute promotional flyers prepared by S.H.A.R.E. at the same time that the updated refuse calendars are distributed to the residents provided that the additional costs involved are not significant.
 - (ii) That the City's Refuse Collections Bylaw be amended prohibiting the inclusion of old newspaper in the domestic garbage. Alderman Wright was against this motion.


The Meeting Adjourned at 5:40 p.m.


T.M. Chong, P. Eng.,
Deputy City Engineer/
Operations Manager


Alderman M.D. Gates,
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
City Clerk
City Engineer


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ITEM I

THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

MEMORANDUM

TO: J. Boileau
Fire Chief

April 10, 1987

FROM: T.M. Chong, P. Eng.,
Deputy City Engineer/
Operations Manager

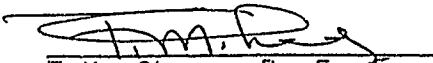
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SUBJECT: Tracking Inventory of Toxic and Hazardous Substances

The Environmental Protection Committee recently reviewed the circumstances surrounding the ammonia leak at the Lilydale Poultry Processing Plant. In considering this accident, the Committee expressed concern that perhaps a similar accident may occur in the future resulting in more serious consequences. The Committee has therefore instructed me to forward a memo to you requesting the following:


1. Provided details of whether or not there is currently a system of tracking the storage or usage of toxic or hazardous substances on commercial and industrial properties in the City.
2. Investigate the feasibility of forwarding letters to commercial and industrial owners to remind them of the requirement to report to your Fire Prevention Branch of any storage or usage of toxic or hazardous substances on their premises.

I will be advising you of the next few meetings of the Environmental Protection Committee. It would be appreciated if you could attend one of these meetings in the near future and provide the information requested.


T.M. Chong, P. Eng.,
Deputy City Engineer/
Operations Manager

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cc City Administrator
Ald. M. Gates
Ald. M. Wright, P. Eng.


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ITEM I



TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE INC.

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Telephone: (604) 925-2323 Telex: 04-352848 VCR

May 26, 1987

File T03.102

*For Chang for
your info
Jim B.*

Mr. Jim Boileau
Fire Chief
City of Port Coquitlam
2352 McAllister Avenue
Port Coquitlam, B.C.
V3C 2B1

Dear Mr. Boileau:

Technology Resource Inc., in association with Bennett Environmental Consultants Ltd., has designed a software system to provide rapid access to emergency response information for more than 3,000 regulated hazardous materials.

The system was developed in conjunction with the District of North Vancouver Fire Department, and consists of site plans and maps, site and area-specific databases and a comprehensive chemical information database. The system can be tailored to the specific requirements of your community. In general, an area map and site plan for each industrial location are provided. Locations where hazardous materials are stored, manufactured or transported are identified on site plans using the familiar dangerous goods placard symbols. The inventory of each hazardous material on each site is tabulated in a site-specific database. In the event that an emergency may involve large segments of the community, an overall community site plan identifies the locations of institutions such as schools, hospitals and retirement homes, in addition to the locations of facilities with hazardous materials. A template to locate areas at risk in the event of toxic or flammable gas releases can overlay the community site plan. All site plans and maps are quickly displayed to the computer monitor in colour.

An extensive database provides the following information pertaining to the hazardous materials on any given site or within the community:

- * detailed procedures for responding to fire, explosion, toxic or flammable gas releases and spills involving hazardous materials;
- * first aid and occupational safety information such as toxicity, exposure values, symptoms of exposure and prognosis for exposed individuals;
- * recommended protective clothing and equipment for individuals either working with or responding to emergencies involving each material;
- * physical, chemical and toxicological properties for each substance including the identification of incompatible materials;
- * recommended or regulated procedures for storage, handling, transportation and disposal of each substance.

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[Signature]
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Mr. Jim Boileau

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May 26, 1987

The chemical information is displayed to the computer monitor or copies can be printed using a standard printer. The system operates on computers using the DOS operating system, and is as portable as the computer on which it is installed. (The District of North Vancouver plans to install a computer with this software system on the command vehicle.)

The enclosed brochure illustrates the power and capabilities of CHEMIS. I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss the application of CHEMIS in your community and to demonstrate the ease of operation of this software. Please contact me if we can be of service.

Sincerely,

TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE INC.

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Allister Brown
President

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Enclosure

A handwritten signature in dark ink, possibly reading 'AP', is written above the date stamp.
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Greater Vancouver Regional District
4330 Kingsway, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada V5H 4G8

Engineering & Operations Department

Engineering: 432-6450 • Forestry: 432-6410 • Operations & Maintenance: 432-6405 • Pollution Control: 432-6420

May 8, 1987

The Corporation of the
City of PORT COQUITLAM
2272 McAllister Avenue
PORT COQUITLAM, B.C.
V3C 2A8

Dear Sirs:

Re: Region-wide Free Cleanup Week for Residents

At its meeting on April 7, 1987, the Solid Waste Committee instructed staff to carry out a survey to determine the level of interest that may exist among District members for establishment of a Region-wide cleanup program during which residents could dispose of their wastage at no charge for one or more weeks per year. The incentive for the program stems from the desire to establish a uniform policy that would reduce litter in the Community by encouraging residents to take to disposal facilities wastes which are not normally collected by the municipal collection service.

Herewith is a questionnaire which asks a number of questions and invites comments on the proposed initiative. Disposal at no charge, simply means that no fee would be collected at the time of disposal, and that the costs of the service would be recovered as an indirect cost at the various facilities. While the District favours reducing litter by encouraging disposal of waste to the proper facilities, there is some concern that a program for free disposal of waste by residents could result in unequal benefits to some members of the District. Accordingly, the views of your Municipality on this matter will be welcomed.

District staff will tabulate the responses to the enclosed questionnaire and forward it to you in draft form for comment before presenting our report to the Solid Waste Committee. We are anxious to conclude the reference study, and thus would appreciate an early response to the questionnaire. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter, please call the undersigned.

Yours truly,

L. H. Hayton

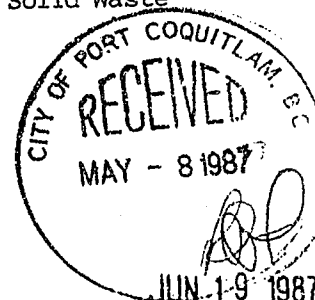
L. H. Hayton
Administrator, Solid Waste

C.C. Alder
Ald. Wright, P. Long

*For discussions
next EPC
meeting?*

*DHG
May 13/87*

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Enclosure



GREATER VANCOUVER SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT

QUESTIONNAIRE ON FREE DISPOSAL
OF WASTE BY RESIDENTS

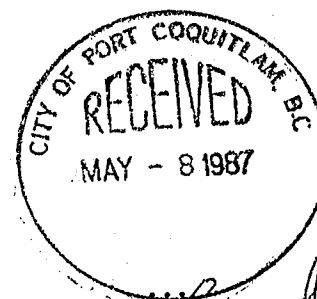
MUNICIPALITY: _____

The following questions are intended to assist the District determine the level of interest that members have in establishing a Region-wide program for free disposal of waste by residents. Please feel free to elaborate on the questions, and to present your ideas and views.

QUESTION 1. Does your Municipality have a program for free disposal of wastes by residents? (Yes ☐, No ☐)

QUESTION 2. If your answer to Question 1 was Yes, please indicate the number of days, weeks or months during the year that residents are allowed free disposal, the types of vehicles to which resident disposal applies, indicate how residential haulers are differentiated from commercial haulers, state any limitations on the number or volume of deliveries which can be made, and provide any other pertinent information concerning the program.

QUESTION 3. If your answer to Question 1 was No, please state why your Municipality does not have such a program.



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Questionnaire on Free Disposal
of Waste by Residents

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QUESTION 4. Is your Municipality in favor of establishing a Region-wide program for free disposal of waste by residents? (Yes ☐, No ☐)

QUESTION 5. If your answer to Question 4 is Yes please give us your views on how you think the program should operate. Your response should include answers to all of the questions posed in Question 2.

QUESTION 6. If your answer to Question 4 is No, please state your reasons for not wanting one.

If you have any comments or suggestions you would like to make regarding the proposed initiative, please state them below.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

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ITEM IV

MEMORANDUM

TO: Alderman M. Gates
Environmental Protection Commity Chairman

FROM: R.G. Criggie
Chief Licence Inspector/Bylaw Enforcement Officer

DATE: May 20, 1987

RE: Ammendment to Bylaw #1020, Animal Control Bylaw
for the City of Port Coquitlam.

Amendment as per suggested by the City Solicitor
Grant Anderson, control of snakes, rats and mice in a
residential zone. We feel that sub-section A, more than
four snakes and sub-section B, a total of more than 4
rats, mice, and other rodents. See attached correspondence.

R.G. Criggie
Chief Licence Inspector
Bylaw Enforcement Officer

c.c.- T. Chong
Deputy City Engineer/Operations Manager

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OUR FILE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

2272 McALLISTER AVENUE
PORT COQUITLAM, B.C.
V3C 2A8

FILE: BL

TELEPHONE: 941.5411

May 5, 1987

Lidstone, Young, Baker & Anderson,
Barristers & Solicitors,
Suite 1607 - 808 Nelson Street,
Box 12147, Nelson Square
Vancouver, B.C.
V6Z 2H2

ATTENTION: Mr. Grant Anderson

Dear Grant:

Re: Health Bylaw No. 908 - Your File No. 201


It has been brought to my attention by way of a complaint that a Mr. Larry Moor of 1491 Pitt River Road is harbouring and breeding etc., a large quantity of "Snakes" of all kinds in his basement.

On April this year Mr. Bill Boleeie, Vector Control Biologist, Simon Fraser Health Unit and I attended at 1491 Pitt River Road and spoke with Mr. Moor. An inspection of the basement showed snakes in cages kept for breeding and rats and mice kept in adjacent room for the purpose of breeding to feed the snakes. This was admitted by Mr. Moor that he has approximately 150 snakes of all kinds and 100 rats and mice.


As the health Bylaw No. 908 has no provision nor does it mention anything about keeping of snakes I would therefor suggest a section and amendment to this Bylaw No. 908 to limit the number of snakes in a residential zone and also breeding of rats and mice in a RS-1 Zone.

I look forward to your suggestion and reply.

Yours very truly,


R.G. Criddle,
Chief Licence Inspector/
Bylaw Enforcement Officer

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c.c. R.A. Freeman
City Clerk


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May 14, 1987

Mr. Ronald G. Criggie
Chief Bylaw Enforcement Officer
City Hall
Port Coquitlam, B.C.
V3C 2A8

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Dear Ron:

Re: Regulation of Snakes and Rodents
Our File No. 19-S-117

Further to your letter of May 5, 1987, we have considered the methods available to the City to regulate the keeping of snakes, rats and mice, and in particular the situation involving Mr. Moore's property at 1491 Pitt River Road.

We have reviewed "Public Health Bylaw, 1969, No. 908" and have found no provision in that Bylaw which regulates the keeping of snakes, rats or mice. Accordingly, there is no basis for charging Mr. Moore with a violation of the health bylaw.

In order to deal with Mr. Moore's activities and any similar situations which arise in the future, we recommend an amendment be made to the "Pound and Animal Regulation Bylaw, 1970, No. 1020" under Section 933 of the Municipal Act R.S.B.C. 1979, c. 290 (the "Act"). In both French v. North Saanich (1911) 16 B.C.R. 106 (B.C. Supreme Court) and R. v. Mould (1920) 52 D.L.R. 302 (B.C. Court of Appeal) the Court stated it was doubtful that health regulation powers may be used to limit the number of animals on a property or to regulate animals otherwise than by prohibiting unsanitary or unhealthful conditions associated with animals. Similarly, it was held in French v. North Saanich that a municipality's nuisance regulation powers are not applicable to prohibition or regulation of animals, as even a "menagerie" is not automatically a nuisance.

However, Section 933(1)(d) of the Act empowers Council to "regulate or prohibit":

"(d) the keeping of dogs, horses, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, rabbits or other animals, and define areas in which they may be kept or may not be kept;"

Under Section 1 of the Act, regulating includes limiting and restricting, so the number of animals kept may be restricted.

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If Council wishes to proceed with restrictions, an amendment to Bylaw No. 1020 could be made in the following terms:

"OTHER ANIMALS

31 A. No person shall keep:

- (a) more than four snakes; and
- (b) a total of more than four rats, mice, and other rodents

on any parcel of land in the City, other than on premises licenced as a pet shop."

Council may wish to add other types of animals to this regulation as well. Also, it should be confirmed that "pet shop" is a business classification in the business licence bylaw.

It is probable that the foregoing regulation would be applicable to Mr. Moore even though he now has a large number of snakes in his home. In Peters v. District of Chilliwack (Unreported, B.C. Supreme Court, Vancouver Registry No. A860491, April 11, 1986) it was held that a bylaw under Section 933(1)(d) is not a zoning bylaw, even though it may differentiate areas for the purpose of regulating animals.

Accordingly, the doctrine of lawful non-conformity as set out in Section 970 of the Act would likely not apply and Mr. Moore would thus have no acquired right to keep more than the permitted number of snakes, rats and mice. Even if Mr. Moore successfully argued that keeping snakes is a use of land which could be protected by the doctrine of non-conformity, it is not a land use which is permitted in the residential zone governing his property.

The better view is that a bylaw under Section 933(1)(d) regulates Mr. Moore's conduct rather than the use of his land, and thus he would be required to alter his conduct to comply with new regulations.

Sincerely,

LIDSTONE, YOUNG, BAKER & ANDERSON

Grant Anderson

GRANT ANDERSON

cc: Mr. Bryan R. Kirk, City Administrator
✓ Mr. Ronald A. Freeman, City Clerk

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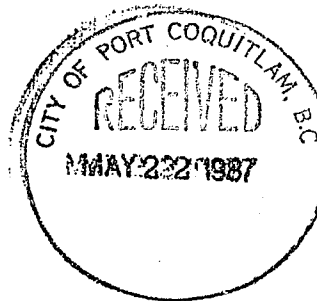
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2402 St. John's Street, Port Moody, B.C. V3H 2B1

Tel.: 931-2451

May 20, 1987



Environmental Protection Committee
City of Port Coquitlam
2272 McAllister Avenue
Port Coquitlam, B C
V3C 2A7

Attention: Tony Chong

Dear Tony:

It has come to my attention that the City of Port Coquitlam will be circulating its new garbage collection schedule in the near future. I would like to request that an informational flyer on recycling be included with the schedule. SHARE Enterprises would be willing to provide the flyers, a copy of which is enclosed.

On a related topic, I would like to suggest to the Environmental Committee that it begin consideration of a ByLaw which would specifically prohibit the inclusion of old newspaper in the regular garbage collection. This type of by-law is reasonably common in other municipalities in North America. It would provide a number of benefits:

- a) The tonnage of garbage collected by the city would be reduced, with subsequent financial savings in tipping fees.
- b) The curbside recycling program in Port Coquitlam would benefit through increased tonnage. This would make the program financially more viable.
- c) increased recycling activity has a number of broader social benefits, both financial and environmental. These benefits are receiving increased public recognition.

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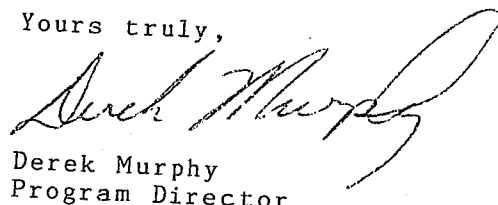
SHARE ENTERPRISES: a division of Coquitlam SHARE Society

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I propose that the Committee authorize its staff to initiate explorations of what types of bylaws other municipalities have passed and what their subsequent experiences have been. SHARE Enterprises would be willing to assist in these investigations.

If you wish to discuss either of these matters with me, I would be pleased to attend a Committee or Council Meeting.

Yours truly,



Derek Murphy
Program Director

DM/dr

Encl.

C.C. Ald Gates } In discussion next GPC meeting
Ald Wright }



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