

THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

MINUTES OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 4:00 p.m., TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1986

PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE:

Alderman M.C. Farnworth, Chairman
Alderman J.J. Keryluk, Co-Chairman
T.M. Chong, P. Eng., Assistant City Engineer

ITEM 1 - REVIEW OF OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD
FROM 1985

In view of the change in Committee members for 1986, T. Chong briefed the new members on the following carried forward Committee items from 1985:

- a. Jack Cewe Gravel Operation - the Committee was reminded of the circumstances surrounding the wash-out at the Cewe Gravel Operation site during the week-end of November 2, 1985 as a result of heavy rain. The Committee was advised that Mr. Don Hehn, Regional Manager of the Ministry of Environment will be attending the regular Council meeting of January 13, 1986 to provide further information on this incident and particularly the action taken by his Ministry. It was pointed out to the Committee that according to Mr. Khare, a Section Head under Mr. Hehn, the meeting between Cewe and the Ministry to deal with this wash-out problem which was supposed to be held before December 1, 1985 did not take place as yet. Plans are currently underway to arrange for this meeting in the near future, however.
- b. Clean-up of the Coquitlam River - T. Chong briefed the Committee on the latest development on this matter. A copy of the December 2, 1985 letter forwarded by Tom McMillan, Federal Minister of the Environment (attached) was given to the Committee members. In this letter Mr. McMillan advised of the extension of the Fed.-Prov. Fraser River Flood Control Agreement and that flood control works have been planned for the Coquitlam River in the City of Port Coquitlam and the District of Coquitlam. The Committee was also advised that the local coordinator of the Fraser River Flood Control Agreement, Mr. Eric Bonham, had been contacted on January 6, 1986 for additional information regarding the Minister's comments. Mr. Bonham's response were as follows:

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(i) While it is true that the Flood Control Agreement has been extended the amount of funds available per year is relatively small compared to the list of priority works.

(ii) Presently, the flood control works along the Coquitlam River are scheduled for commencement in 1990. The project is expected to be spread over 2 years. There has been very little work done recently to better define the scope of the flood control works along the Coquitlam River except that the anticipated works are based on the 1978 Coquitlam River Study. It is the intention to engage a consultant under this program to update this study and make recommendations prior to 1990.

(iii) Higher priority flood control projects at this time include those for the Dewdney Alouette Regional District and the Municipality of Pitt Meadows.

c. Newspaper Recycling Program - The Committee was advised of the following:

(i) The overall residential participation rate has dropped to 25% during the months of November and December, 1985 from approximately 30%. However, the overall tonnage collected during these two months remains relatively constant from previous at 38 tonnes/month. These statistics are not too bad considering that during the colder months more newspapers are consumed by households in starting fires in fire places. In view of the obvious benefits of this program it may be in order to consider further promotions during 1986.

(ii) The refuse calendars indicating the correct newspaper recycling dates for Zones 1 and 3 are currently being printed. To avoid confusion, the corrected calendars will not be distributed until the month of April 1986.

(iii) Advertising posters initiated by the 1985 Committee members still has to be done since the shortage of in-house staff during December, 1985 precluded their completion. It was the intention of the previous Committee to put up posters in civic and commercial buildings in Port Coquitlam to remind residents of our recycling program. Funds will be carried over into 1986 to have approximately 25 posters prepared. The Committee members were shown the design of the proposed posters.

d. Muldoon Nursery - The Committee was appraised of several complaints against this nursery as follows:

(i) Hog-fuel contamination of adjoining watercourse: the Waste Management Branch will be sending a technician to this area on January 8, 1986 to determine the extent of pollution if any to the adjoining watercourses. Water

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samples will also be collected for further analysis. The Committee will be briefed as soon as this information is available.

(ii) Over-building of Site: Bill Brown has advised the Muldoons of this contravention of the existing Zoning Bylaw. He is currently assessing the extent of this problem and the practicality of this section of the Bylaw.

(iii) Illegal Filling of Property: The City Engineer, as the designated Enforcement Officer under the Agricultural Land Commission Act has written the Muldoons advising them of their contravention of the Act. Furthermore, he is requiring them to remove the fill material which has been illegally dumped on their property.

Alderman Keryluk cautioned that the City should act carefully in this matter and that we should not be used as an instrument of the complainants in this dispute.

e. 1986 Budget - The Committee was advised that \$6,000 has been placed in the 1986 provisional budget for Environmental Protection. The break-down of the budget is as follows:


\$2,500.00 Promotion for Newspaper Recycling.
2,000.00 Contingency sum for collection and analysis of
polluted water samples.
1,500.00 General clean-up/Beautification of City.

TOTAL: \$6,000.00

The Committee was advised that in 1985, the Environmental Protection Budget was underexpended primarily because of a one-time G.V.R.D. grant of \$2,000.00 for recycling promotion.

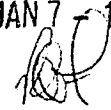
MINUTES TAKEN BY:


T.M. Chong, P. Eng.,
Assistant City Engineer


Alderman ~~W.D. Bates~~
Chairman M.C. FARNWORTH

NOTE: Minutes not read and adopted by the Committee until certified by Committee Chairman's signature.

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December 19, 1985

Mr. B. Kirk
City Administrator
City of Port Coquitlam
2272 McAllister Avenue
Port Coquitlam, B.C.
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Brian:
Dear Mr. Kirk:

Further to our correspondence regarding your request for federal financial assistance to study future flood protection works on the Coquitlam River, please find the enclosed response on this matter that I have received from the Minister responsible.

I trust that the Minister's response helps to clarify his department's position in this matter and I am most pleased that the response was, for the most part, of a positive nature.

If there is anything else that I can do for you please do not hesitate to contact me again.

Sincerely,

Gerry
Gerry St. Germain, M.P.
Mission - Port Moody

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GSG/td

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B. Kirk
- 12/23/85
- 12/23/85*

*Brian:
You could possibly
ask to know about
this and then have
him contact me
Gerry*

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Ministre de l'Environnement



Minister of the Environment

2 December, 1985

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Mr. Gerry St. Germain, M.P.,
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Dear Gerry,

I am pleased to respond to your letter of 30 September, which refers to the request by the City of Port Coquitlam for federal financial assistance to study future flood protection works on the Coquitlam River.

Environment Canada does not provide direct funding under its Flood Damage Reduction Program for local governments to hire consultants. It does, however, contribute to the rehabilitation of flood control works, including engineering studies and design, in the Lower Fraser Valley under the Federal-Provincial Fraser River Flood Control Agreement.

This Agreement was extended on 10 October, 1985, at a cost of \$41.0 million, to protect the remaining economically viable projects in the Lower Fraser Valley. Environment Canada's contribution of \$20.5 million will be made available at a rate of \$2.5 million per year through the Department's Canada Water Act Fund.

Under the extended Agreement, flood control works have been planned for the Coquitlam River in the City of Port Coquitlam and the District of Port Coquitlam. These works would not, however, include Indian Reserve No. 2 and the Colony Farm area.

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I appreciate your bringing the request for financial assistance to my attention and am pleased to be able to provide a positive response.

All best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



Tom McMillan, P.C., M.P.
Hillsborough

Minister of the Environment

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