

MINUTES OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT 4:45 p.m., THURSDAY, MAY 30, 1985

PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE:

Alderman M.D. Gates, Chairman  
Alderman W.W. Stewart, Co-Chairman  
T.M. Chong, P. Eng., Assistant City Engineer  
Mr. Darryl Burnham, S.H.A.R.E. Society  
Mrs. Rosemary Fillin, S.H.A.R.E. Society  
Mrs. Emmie Wong-Leung, International Paper Industries  
Mr. Richard Bergan, International Paper Industries

ITEM 1 - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Recommended:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee meeting held on Wednesday, May 8, 1985 be taken as read and adopted.

Carried

ITEM 2 - CURBSIDE NEWSPAPER PICK-UP SERVICE AGREEMENT

T. Chong introduced this item by distributing a marked up copy of the draft agreement which was forwarded to the municipal solicitor for comments. He further stated that most of the recommendations for revising the draft copy of the agreement are of the semantic nature and do not change the intent of the agreement substantially. However, he pointed out the following exceptions which were then discussed by the Committee and representatives of S.H.A.R.E. Society and International Paper Industries.

- (a) Insurance Coverage - In view of the recent decision of the Supreme Court of Ontario where the award for damages to the plaintiff against the municipality was over \$7,000,000, the municipal solicitor is recommending that the \$1,000,000 for insurance coverages stated on the contract be increased. Based upon the solicitor's comments, it was recommended that the \$1,000,000 limit stated on the proposed agreement be increased to \$5,000,000. International Paper Industries spoke against the recommendation since they felt that it would be an unfair burden placed upon S.H.A.R.E. Society. They estimated that as a result of increasing the insurance coverage limit this may mean doubling the insurance premium. Mr. Burnham stated that he doesn't know whether or not his organization can in fact raise the insurance limit to \$5,000,000. The Committee deferred making a decision on this item of the proposed agreement pending verification from Mr. Burnham on whether or not his organization can obtain an increase in insurance coverage and, if so, the cost of the additional premium.

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*Telecom  
Burnham advised  
June 4/85  
that he can  
agree to \$5,000,000  
P.C.D. for vehicles  
but to increase  
the coverage limit  
for all risk  
coverage to \$5,000,000  
to \$2,500,000  
with a cost  
of \$15,000*

- (b) Exclusive Franchise - The solicitors recommended that this item be revised to incorporate a provision permitting charity groups such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, etc., to hold Newspaper Drives. This item was further discussed with the decision that the following sentence be added at the end of Section 12 of Schedule C, Page 11, "However, this provision will not be applicable to door-to-door newspaper drives organized by non-profit organizations such as Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, etc., provided that the days selected for such drives do not fall on the same days as the regular curbside newspaper pick-up service."

The Committee also requested that once Council agrees to this stipulation of the Contract that organizations submitting requests for such drives be advised of this requirement.

- (c) Expansion of Service/Termination of Contract - The municipal solicitor advised that the expansion of basic service section under Schedule B is not enforceable due to the difficulty of determining what economic viability means. If the City is intent on expanding the basic service to include the pick-up of other recycleable material such as glass and metal without the agreement of the Contractor, then perhaps a simple termination clause covering this scenario should be added into the proposed agreement. Both International Paper Industries and S.H.A.R.E. Society spoke against the addition of such a provision. Their reasons are two fold. Firstly, there is a great deal of capital investment that goes into starting up a curbside pick-up program such as the one proposed. Several years would be needed to pay back the costs of the initial capital investment. They would not like to see themselves in the position a few months into the commencement of this service that the contract is terminated because of their inability to expand the basic service to include other recycleable goods. Secondly, it is their contention that should it become economically viable to expand the basic curbside pick-up service to include other recycleable material such as glass and metal, they certainly will do that. The Committee's decision on this item of the proposed agreement is that Section 12 of Schedule D, Page 8 of the proposed agreement requiring the Contractor to expand the pick-up service to include other recycleable goods be deleted in entirety.
- (d) Definition of Contractor - Alderman Stewart suggested, and the Committee agreed, that a definition for the Contractor should be added to Schedule A of the agreement to indicate that the Contractor means International Paper Industries and their subcontractors providing the curbside pick-up service with the consent of Council.

At the conclusion of discussions on this item, Mr. Burnham indicated that the plastic recycling bags and the explanatory brochures containing the calendars for the curbside pick-up days will be delivered during the middle of June.

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ITEM 3 - DOG FECES REMOVAL BYLAW

T. Chong introduced this item by distributing a draft copy of a bylaw amendment to existing Bylaw No. 1020 - Animal Control Bylaw. He further stated that the City Clerk had prepared this Bylaw amendment and advised the Committee that in the opinion of the City Clerk this is probably a better approach than writing a new bylaw specifically dealing with this item. The City Clerk has also advised that there is no need for a special clause in the bylaw stating that it can be enforced by a Peace Officer (i.e. R.C.M.P. Officer) since all municipal bylaws can be enforced by Peace Officers. The Committee reviewed the draft copy of the bylaw amendment and decided that it should be forwarded to Council for consideration.

ITEM 4 - FLUSHING OF WATERMAINS -  
EFFECT ON QUALITY OF WATERCOURSES

T. Chong stated that he has contacted the Provincial Fish & Wildlife Branch on this and found that although they are not aware of this being a problem in the past, this may well have gone undetected by them. They have said that they will look into this matter further and contact the municipality should it become an important issue. T. Chong also advised the Committee that he has contacted the Simon Fraser Health Unit and Health Inspector, Steve Martin, has agreed to carry out testing of water samples which will be collected in the near future in several locations in the City for chlorine residual. The results of the chlorine residual tests will be forwarded to the Committee when available.

ITEM 5 - NEW BUSINESS

A) DANGEROUS GOODS HANDLING REGULATIONS  
(PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL ACTS 1985)

T. Chong advised the Committee that the recently enacted Provincial and Federal Acts and their accompanying regulations on the handling of dangerous goods will come into effect on July 1, 1985. The highlights of these Acts and Regulations are as follows:

1. This is a major step taken to regulate the movement of dangerous goods in Canada and particularly the Province of British Columbia.
2. There now exists a requirement for placards to be placed on trucks and rail boxes identifying the type of dangerous cargoes which are contained inside.
3. There is now a requirement for the adherence to defined safety standards by personnel handling dangerous goods.

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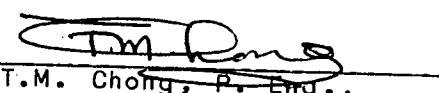
4. A list of dangerous goods has now been clearly identified and is published in nine distinct classes in the Regulations documents.
5. There now exists a requirement for all employers to fully train their employees on procedures in the handling of dangerous goods and also to certify such employees.
6. There is now a requirement to report spills of dangerous goods.


In view of the significance of these provincial and federal regulations, it was decided by the Committee that copies of the Provincial and Federal Acts dealing with this matter, along with a list of dangerous goods, be distributed to each member of Council for information.

B) CLEANUP OF COQUITLAM RIVER

Alderman Gates requested that preliminary contacts be made with various provincial and federal organizations regarding the possibility of funding assistance for the preparation of a Consultant's Report to cleanup of the Coquitlam River. T. Chong agreed that he will undertake to do this in the future and report back to the Committee.

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

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

  
Alderman M.D. Gates,  
Chairman

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

c.c. Mayor and Aldermen  
City Engineer  
City Administrator

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