

MINUTES OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 5:00 p.m., WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1985

PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE:

Alderman M.D. Gates, Chairman
Alderman W.W. Stewart, Co-Chairman
Alderman G.R. Laking, (left after Items 2 & 3 were discussed)
T.M. Chong, P. Eng., Assistant City Engineer
S. Martin, Inspector from Simon Fraser Health Unit (present
only for Item 2)

ITEM 1 - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Recommended:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee meeting held on Wednesday, April 24, 1985 be taken as read and adopted.

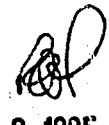
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ITEM 2 - RODENTS AND OTHER HEALTH RELATED PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SALE OF PETS, PET FOODS, & GROCERIES IN THE SAME VICINITY

Alderman Gates stated his concerns associated with the sale of pets, pet foods, and groceries in the same vicinity (i.e. Pet foods for gerbils obviously would attract other types of rodents). Since there may be a potential health problem, there appears to be a need for a Bylaw to be passed to regulate the occupation of such retail stores to ensure that the minimum health standards are maintained. S. Martin said that the Health and Sanitation Bylaws or Regulations currently in place may be enough to deal with this potential problem. S. Martin has agreed to check with his own office and his superior on this matter and report back to T. Chong within the next two weeks.

ITEM 3 - REMOVAL OF DOG FAECES FROM PUBLIC PROPERTY

At the request of Alderman Gates, copies of existing Bylaws associated with this subject from the City and other Municipalities were obtained and distributed to members of the Committee. Copies of the Bylaws from other Municipalities include those from West Vancouver, City of Nanaimo, and Vancouver. In reviewing the City's Parks Control Bylaw, Alderman Gates stated that there is no requirement for dog owners to clean up and properly dispose of their dog's excrement from City streets, other public properties and private properties other than their own. In reviewing the relevant Bylaws of the other Municipalities, the Committee recommended that the following items be included in a new City Bylaw dealing with this problem, to be drafted for Council's consideration:


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1. There shall be a requirement for dog owners to clean up and properly dispose of their dog's excrement from public and private properties other than their own.
2. It shall be an offence for any owner to allow any dog to leave excrement on any public place or private properties other than their own. The owner must take immediate steps to remove any excrement deposited and to dispose of the same in a sanitary manner.
3. The Bylaw shall be enforceable by any Peace Officer.
4. An owner who violates a provision of the proposed Bylaw is liable upon summary conviction to a fine the amount of which shall be similar to the penalty imposed for the violation of other City Bylaws.

It was also recommended that the City Clerk be requested to prepare a draft copy of a new Bylaw dealing with this matter and submit same to the Committee for consideration as soon as possible.

ITEM 4 - ARTICLES IN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER


Copies of two articles, one dealing with the upcoming curbside recycling program and the other a report from the Environmental Protection Committee, were distributed. These articles were read with the decision made that they be submitted along with the corresponding photos for printing with some minor changes to the report from the Environmental Protection Committee article. The proposed changes are:

1. The Girl Guides also be given credit in their participation during PoCo Pride Days.
2. The entire paragraph dealing with recycling be deleted since it is redundant.

ITEM 5 - OTHER BUSINESS

A) OPERATION AND CLEAN UP OF TEMPORARY TRANSFER STATIONS

T. Chong reported that the volume of waste material collected at the two transfer stations during PoCo Pride Days was overwhelming. Approximately 500 cubic yards were deposited at the transfer stations. It was apparent from the type of material which was deposited at the transfer stations, that residents are not aware of the type of material which our City crews will pick up during their normal refuse collection. Additional efforts will be made by the Engineering Department to remind residents that grass clippings, tree cuttings, cardboard cartons, household appliances, boxes, crates, and furniture will be picked up by City crews along with their normal domestic refuse. The clean up operation for the transfer stations involved the hiring of one large backhoe and several containers. Most of the waste materials have now been


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removed from the two transfer stations. The outstanding work remaining includes the picking up of litter at both sites and the fine grading of the gravel parking lots. The total estimated cost for the operation and subsequent clean up of the two transfer stations is \$2,500. In considering the additional costs for clean up, the Committee has agreed that an additional \$500 be added to the \$1000 already committed for the operation of the transfer stations. The outstanding \$1000 shall be absorbed by the Civic Events Budget. The Committee was also advised that approximately 350 cubic yards of combustible material consisting of branches, tree trunks, wooden planks, paper, etc. were diverted to the Welcher dump temporarily until such time that these materials can be burned. This was done to reduce the disposal costs of the waste material significantly.

B) DESIGN OF PLASTIC BAGS FOR RECYCLING NEWSPAPERS


T. Chong advised the Committee that International Paper Industries has recently submitted a proposed design for the plastic bags which will be used for the curbside pick-up of newspapers. In reviewing the design, the Committee decided to delete the irrelevant information printed on the bags pertaining to the purpose of S.H.A.R.E. Society. Another change which was made was the deletion of the word "Municipality" and replace it with the word "City" since it was thought to be more appropriate. It was decided that a facsimile of the revised design be prepared by the Drafting Office and that it be presented to Council during its regular Council meeting of May 13, 1985.

C) MAY DAY PARADE

With respect to the May Day Parade, Alderman Gates suggested that in an effort to promote recycling it would be a good idea to see if International Paper Industries would be prepared to participate in the parade by supplying an individual wearing the recycling costume in the parade. Promotional buttons and other items such as candies for the children can be handed out during the parade to promote recycling. Although there is not much time remaining, T. Chong will contact International Paper Industries and the May Day Coordinator to see if this idea can be implemented.

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 Clerk - (T. Chong will discuss with you on ITEM 3 later)


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