## CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

#### PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

A meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee was held in the Parks & Recreation Department office on Tuesday, February 3rd, 1987, at 4:45 p.m.

In attendance were Alderman George Laking and Alderman Mike Gates.

Also in attendance were K. Janna Taylor, Parks & Recreation Director; Bram Hoogendoorn, Parks Superintendent and Marguerite Morrison, May Day Coordinator (Item No. 2).

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the minutes of the meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee held on January 27th, 1987, be taken as read and adopted.

#### Item No. 1 May Day

The attached report was presented to the Parks & Recreation Committee by Marguerite.

#### Recommendation:

That the report be received and approved.

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The aspect of putting the float in the P.N.E. parade was also discussed.

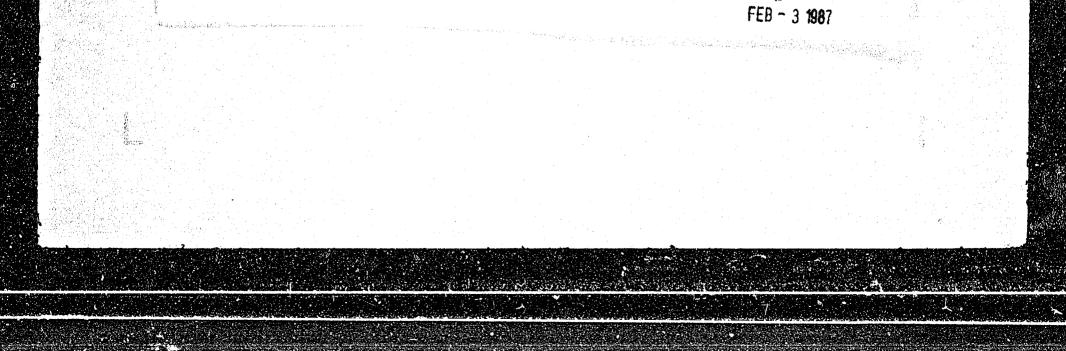
#### 1. <u>Cost</u>

An amount of between \$10,000 to \$15,000 would have to be placed in the budget to upgrade the float to a suitable standard. Presently the float is designed in house and is of a quality that is suitable for community parades.

#### 2. Organization

We would need a volunteer organizer to ensure that the Royal Party is set up and taken care of, and that necessary arrangements are made for the entry into the parade, i.e. driver, transportation to and from parade, etc.

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The Committee questioned whether it was essential and necessary to be in the P.N.E. parado; however, it was felt that the question should be fully discussed with Council.

Possible Recommendations:

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- 1. Enter the May Day Float in the 1987 P.N.E. parade.
- 2. Enter the May Day Float in the 1988 P.N.E. parade.
- 3. Do not enter the May Day Float in the P.N.E. parade.

<u>Item No. 2</u>

### Wilson Centre Expansion

The low bid for the expansion was Key Engineering at \$499,000. They did Dogwood expansion in Coquitlam. Simon Richards is checking their references and will send a letter recommending them if everything is okay.

#### Recommendation:

That the information be received.

CARRIED

Item No. 3

#### <u>Routley Park</u>

Bram reported that his crew had trimmed the hedge along Western and that this had opened up the park. He indicated that we should leave the hedge as is and not remove it at this time.

#### Recommendation:

To leave the hedge in place at Routley Park as it appears to have opened up the area so that police can see what is going on.

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<u>Item No. 4</u>

## Use of Chemicals in Shrub Beds

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The attached information was presented to Committee. A lengthy discussion took place as to what to do. It was decided to take the following recommendation to Council in Committee.

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#### Recommendation:

That we use Casoron in the shrub beds this year only, so that chemicals would not be required again for several years.

CARRIED

#### ADJOURNMENT :

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

G.R. Laking, Chairman

Janna Taylor, Secretary

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#### MAY DAY REPORT

Tentative Schedule

Dates: May 8th, 9th & 10th - This weekend is the only one not conflicting with other neighboring municipalities' events.

Theme: Indian Days

- For hundreds of years before the settlers came; Port Coquitlam was the home of many Indian people. We will honor these residents prior to the planeers, who will be honored in 1988.

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Program Schedule:

May 4th-9th (Monday - Saturday)

Indian Display and Demonstrations in meeting rooms at the Terry Fox Library.

Purpose; For community and school children in particular to know this part of Port Coquitlam's history. I am hoping that schools will be interested in sending classes to see the displays and demonstrations, as well as the general public.

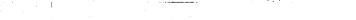
Planning in progress;

- Port Moody Heritage Society to possibly be the a) co-ordinators, or assist.
- Involving the Department of Heritage and b) Conservation
- C.P.Rail has indicated the possibility of "blowing c) up" old negatives/prints, (up to 24) for display and these to be kept by the City for loan-outs etc.
- d) Alan MacMillan, Douglas College Anthropology Department is advising.
- B.C. Union of Indian Chiefs advising and assisting e)

May 7th (Thursday)

May Day Talent Search. With a volunteer co-ordinator, Dorn Beatty, (professional singer for 17 years; winner of several music achievement awards; recorded one LP album for Warner Bros and two LP albums for Polydor). We will be looking for "natural talent", (vocal only this year for ages 5-18).

Note: On the advise of Thelka Wright we will not have the fashion show this year. She has checked out other volunteers involved with the event in the past and none a willing to take on this very ambitious event.



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May 8th (Friday)

The opening ceremonies, with the Royal Party event and May Pole Dancing. Because such young children are involved the program length will be approximately one and a half hours. As people are coming in, (about 15 minutes prior to the ceremonies beginning), a band will be playing and will play again at the closing.

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Note: In talking to people previously involved they preferred the Friday evening as this gives the children, in the Royal Party, the opportunity to enjoy Saturday's events more with less hectic activity. It also allows May Pole Dancers to participate in the parade. We would reserve the Mabbett Room on Saturday for the Royal Party and parer 3 or resting, changing clothes and freshening up prior to tu-

May 9th (Saturday)

Breakfast **Parade** Children's Carnival Craft Show - this year local artists are being invited to display their paintings. This will fill the arena space, Dance - please see soccer information

May 7th, 8th & 9th

The Coquitlam Alouette Soccer Club, of the Pacific Coast League, will be hosting their first annual International Soccer Tournament as a part of the May Day Celebrations. Definite plans are forthcoming, this week, however they have committed themselves to being responsible for the May Day Dance and involving local organizations/clubs, wherever possible i.e. Scouts selling programs.

May 10th (Sunday)

Discussions are being held with MacDonald's about a PoCo Trail event and with the Chamber of Commerce in regard to sponsoring a "centipede race" - a fun event for teams of people from businesses, clubs, organizations, etc.

Contact is still to be made with Burke Mountain Trail Riders for their Sunday event.

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#### PoCo Float

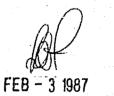
In 1986 we gained a self-propelled parade float, (VW undercarriage, 22' x 8' deck c/w plywood), at a cost of \$4,500.00. Costs this year are for servicing for use again. In regard to the float promoting PoCo's 75th birthday I talked to Tim Enno, Hyack Festival Association. He said that the costs for a float are determined by the amount decided in your budget. With this figure you approach display builders with the budgeted amount, your theme and ask for two or more ideas from each. Usually you ask for one serious idea and a fun one. From these designs you select what you want.

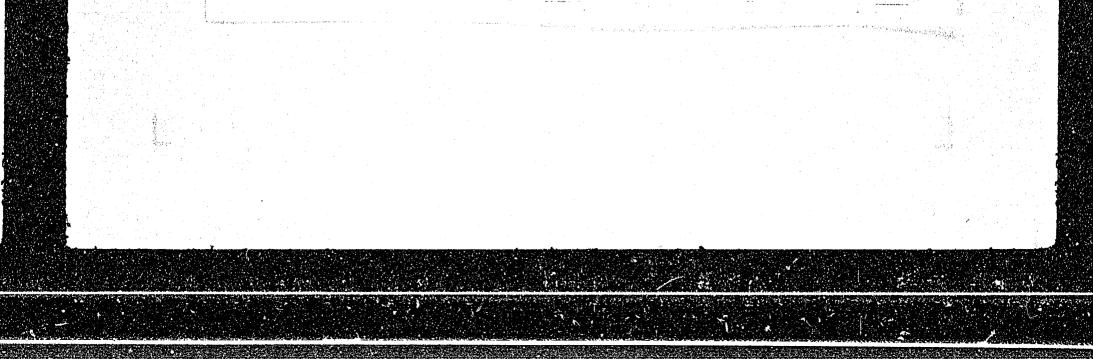
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Mr. Enno recommended a couple of names for contacting and said not to exclude local designers. His experience is \$8,000 - \$25,000 for many of the floats, depending on the ideas you choose, the moving parts, etc.

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#### Draft

May Day Talent Search

A search for young, natural talent, from January through to final competition during May Day, from schools and churches to find the best singer or group of singer in three age categories.

Purpose:

To give talented youth the opportunity to develop and expand their natural talent and to assist them in their continued development.

To give parents the opportunity to be aware of the potential for a talented child and what to do.

To create more awareness of the importance of the development of the performing arts in Port Coquitlam.

This first annual event will be featuring vocal only with the following years expanding to other aspects of cultural and performing arts as interest and volunteers increase.

Method:

Under the control and guidelines set forth by the May Day Committee, schools and churches sill hold "in house" searches. Winners would be judged by qualified peers and music teachers.

Semi-finals would be comprised of individual winners from each school and church to be judged by a more professional panel, i.e. a panel of music teachers, (tuned in to contemporary music).

The finals to be held prior to the May Day Parade and judged by a celebrity panel in a concert hall setting. Admission to be charged.

#### Judging:

Judging criteria will emphasize <u>natural</u> talent - pitch control, rhythm and presentation. Entrants may accompany themselves, have an accompaniest, or taped music.

Categories:

Pop Country Religious Contemporary

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Age:

Junior 5-8 years (as of December 31st) Intermediate 9-12 years (as of December 31st) Senior 13-17 years (as of December 31st)

#### Qualifications:

Entrants should live within a specified area, i.e. Port Coquitlam postal zone, attend a Port Coquitlam school, etc. Entrants not attending school may enter at the closest school or through the May Day Office.

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#### Prizes:

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Prizes must be 100% donation. As it is important to supply major incentives in order to draw out new young talent for the first time, we must judge them by their standards with appropriate prizes for further development.

- a recording session
   video tape of their performance
- 3) some professional performing arts training
- 4) photo portfolio
- 5) special place in the parade

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# PARADE POLICIES F PRACTICES INSURANCE

## **GENERAL POLICIES & PRACTICES**

- All entries are by invitation and/or application and must be approved by the Parade Committee.
- 2. Parade entries must observe all rules and regulations that are issued from time to time by the PNE Parade Committee and follow all instructions from Police and Parade Officials.
- 3. The PNE Parade Committee reserves the right to remove any entrant from the parade either prior to assembly, at assembly, or any time during the parade.
- <sup>A</sup> Floats or other entries advocating, opposing, or depicting any political, religious or social issues that in the opinion of the Parade Committee do not meet the objectives of the parade will not be allowed.
- No material may be handed out or thrown from any parade entry along the parade route. Distribution of gifts, merchandise, literature or other material along the parade route is strictly prohibited.
- 6. Automobiles will not be permitted other than for invited distinguished guests.
- A spacing of 50 feet between each parade entry will be enforced. All units are required to close the gap between units when ordered by the Parade Officials.
- 8. Only forward movement manoeuvres by marching units are permitted.
- Alcoholic beverages are forbidden on any float. in any vehicle or on the person of any participant. Participants consuming alcohol prior to or during the parade are subject to removal from the parade.
- 10. Entries that do not appear for the parade without prior notice to parade officials, or entries that do not comply with the rules and regulations, jeopardize future invitations to the PNE parade.
- 11. The Parade Committee reserves the right to limit the number of entries in each category.

- 12. The parade shall be composed so that the total viewing time shall be a maximum of approximately 2 hours past any point to be consistent with the logistics of street closures.
- 13. The Parade Committees decision regarding all entries is final.

#### INSURANCE

Evidence of Insurance for Bodily Injury and Property Damage with limits of \$1 million combined insurance shall be required of all units.

The applicant agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend action against the Pacific National Exhibition, The City of Vancouver, The Province of British Columbia, from and against all liabilities whatsoever arising out of its participation in the Pacific National Exhibition's opening day parade.

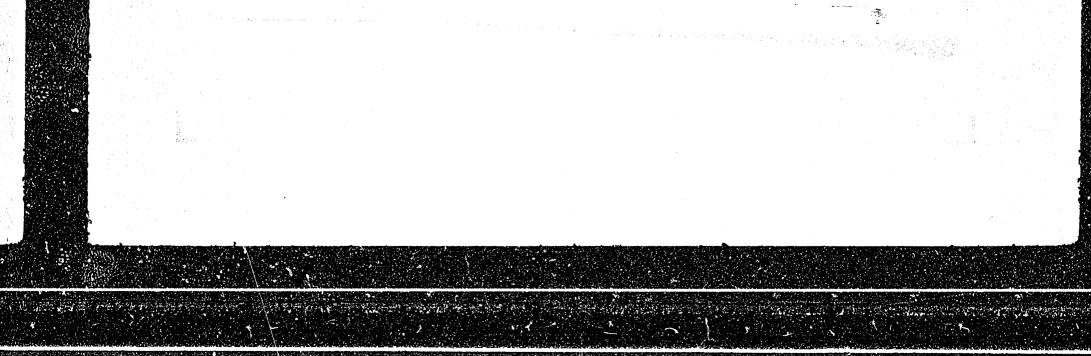
Evidence of insurance must accompany the parade application form.

Any unit not supplying evidence of insurance will NOT be allowed to participate in the parade.

### PARADE OBJECTIVES

- 1. To be entertaining family fun.
- 2. To create awareness for the opening of the Fair.
- 3. To promote the activities and events of the Fair.
- 4. To create awareness of the Fair and build hype for the annual Fair.
- 5. To promote the ideals of the PNE.
- 6. To promote the Fair theme.





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## FLOAT REQUIREMENTS

- Floats must be entirely decorated no part of the vehicle on which the float is built, or in the case of a two-unit entry no part of the jeep or tractor shall be visible to the judges or spectators.
- 2. Vancouver city traffic by-law permits vehicle widths of 8 feet — height of 13½ feet and length of 35 feet for a single vehicle and 40 feet for articulated vehicles. While these maximum dimensions are not applicable for the actual parade route, they are applicable whilst travelling to and from parade route. Permits to exceed the above dimensions may be obtained from Vancouver City Hall.
- 3. The height must not exceed 131/2 feet. Any person on a float may not stand or sit in a position that permits the topmost part of their body to exceed 12 feet in height above the ground.
- 4. Sponsors must furnish drivers for their floats. If in view driver must be appropriately attired.
- 5. Drivers must remain with their sponsor's float from 7:00 a.m. until parade is dispersed and the float is returned to the place designated by the sponsor.
- 6. No person is permitted to ride on a float in the parade other than those selected or designated by the sponsor to appear thereon.
- 7. Sponsor will hold safe and absolve the PNE from all responsibility for personal injury or property damage arising from accidents incurred going to, during and dispersing from the PNE Opening Day Parade.
- 8. See insurance requirements.

#### FLOAT SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- 1. No smoking on or near floats.
- 2. Every float must carry a fire extinguisher.
- 3. Exhaust pipe is wrapped with asbestos paper where it passes near decorations.
- 4. Proper driver's vision and ventilation.
- 6. All participants standing on floats must be wearing a safety belt or have handholds while the float is moving. Floats that do not have the above will not be allowed to be in the parade. Safety belts must be worn on the outside of garments.





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## PARADE COMPOSITION

### A. FLOATS

- Judging Categories: Associations & Clubs
  - Commercial
  - · Communities inside B.C. Communities outside B.C.

## PNE FAIR UNITS

- · Not judged, but units promoting specific events and attractions of the Fair.
- B. BANDS

  - Judging Categories:
     Orum & Bugle Bands (senior)
     Orum & Bugle Bands (junior)

    - Junior Brass Bands Inside B.C.
      Junior Brass Bands Outside B.C.
    - Senior Brass Bands
    - Junior Pipe Bands
  - Senior Pipe Bands
  - Novelty Bands

# JUDGING/SELECTION CRITERIA

- A. FLOATS
  - 1. Originality

  - Design
     Costumes and Personnel
  - 4. Decorations 5. Use of Theme
  - 6. Music
  - 7. Animation

  - 8. Colour and Colour Harmony 9. Workmanship and Maintenance
- B. BANDS
  - 1. Appearance 2. Music Ability 3. Marching

  - 4. Audience Appreciation
  - 5. Pre Parade Inspection

## C. EQUESTRIAN

- Mounted Groups 1. Riding Apparel Theme and Authenticity
  - 2. Overall Impression
- 3. Neatness and Condition of Horse and Tack
- 4. Grooming

C. EQUESTRIAN

D. DRILL TEAMS

Mounted groups

E. SPECIALTY COMIC UNITS

Horse drawn vehicles (Junior)
Horse drawn vehicles (Senior)

# Horse Drawn Vehicles Senior/Junior

- 1. Overall Appearance 2. Tack and Vehicle Condition and Fitting З.

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- Matching of Horses
- Grooming 4. 5. Costume
- D. DRILL TEAMS
- Not judged for awards
- E. SPECIALTY/COMIC UNITS
  - 1. Uniqueness
  - 2. Crowd Appeal
  - 3. Costumes



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# OPENING DAY PARADE

## - APPLICATION -

# SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 1986 Entry Closing Date: Saturday, July 12, 1986

(Entry Closing Date means the date on which entry form must be received at Parade Office) Please submit completed application form and retain instructions and float requirements portion. **This application** form does not guarantee acceptance into the PNE Parade. You will be officially notified if your application for Parade participation has been accepted.

	Number of persons in Entry
	Person in charge of Entry — Name
	Address
	Address
	Home Phone
	Date
	Date
	All applications for parade participation will be reviewed by a Selection Committee, for Parade participation, The PNE reserves the right to accept or refuse any application for PNE Parade participation.
	IF ENTRY IS A FLOAT: -
	A color sketch of your float <b>must</b> be submitted for approval of the Parade Committee before your entry will be ac-
	Float will $\Box$ or will not $\Box$ be equipped with an operating public address system.
	For further information, telephone (604) 253-2311 or write Parade Manager.
	HORSE ENTRIES BY INVITATION ONLY.
ł	The applicant listed below agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend any action against the Pacific National Ex- nibition, The City of Vancouver, The Province of British Columbia, from and against all liabilities whategever

ation in the Pacific National Exhibition's Opening Day Parade. οι ies whatsoever arising Applicant .....

By ..... Title

(PLEASE COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE)



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# THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

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MEMORANDUM TO:	Tony Chong, Deputy City Engineer/Operations
MEMORANDUM FROM:	K. Janna Taylor, Parks & Recreation Director
SUBJECT:	Use of Chemicals

The attached report has been reviewed by the Parks & Recreation Committee and prior to making any recommendation to Council, it was felt that the Environmental Protection Committee should review the report and make their comments known. Give me a call if there are any questions.

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## THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

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#### REPORT

TO:

): Alderman George Laking, Chairman Parks & Recreation Committee Alderman Mike Farnworth

FROM: K. Janna Taylor, Parks & Recreation Director

The City of Port Coquitlam has had a moratorium on the use of pesticides since July, 1982. This moratorium was placed on city maintained athletic fields and landscaped areas. In 1983 we hired a consulting company, I.P.M. Associates to study the alternatives to pesticide use. A report was done on implementing the "least toxic pest management program" into the City of Port Coquitlam. We have been using this least toxic management program in the report, and these have been working well in the majority of our grass and shrub areas. It is vitally important for us to have minimize, or eliminate if possible the use of chemical pesticides to our city park facilities.

I have received a report from the Parks Superintendent indicating that the weed situation in our major fields is good. The weed population covers anywhere from 5% to 25% of the total turf area. He firmly believes that the condition of the turf on our fields, with the irrigation systems that we are now installing in our fields, will aid in reducing the weed problem significantly. It tolerance level on our athletic fields to be weed free; the He weed free; the condition and this is due to the fact that their initial construction was not done to a standard acceptable to the City; and later date, have to consider the use of chemicals, but at this time we are not recommending that alternative.

However, a major concern has come up in the last year regarding our shrub areas. The shrub beds are looking messy and untidy. Our crews are unable to keep ahead of the workload. Part of the reason we are unable to get ahead of the weed growth in our shrub beds is that we have had a steady increase of planting areas such as Reeve Park buffer strip, Legion shrub beds, the Terry Fox Library, the Expo bed on Shaughnessy Street, Maple Street parking lot and also the new bridge approaches. These have all been added since May, 1983, and with no increase in staff, it becomes difficult. With the addition of the planted areas in Citadel Heights, we envision an even greater problem.

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Our shrub beds have now been thoroughly infested, we have large widespread root systems which cannot properly be cleaned up any more. Unfortunately a superficial touch-up will not erase their deeper located roots of which some are noxious, i.e. thistles, horsetails, etc. It is the opinion of the Parks Superintendent and myself that we need to do one of two things; we need to seriously consider the use of chemicals for a short period of time or else we need to increase our gardening budget in order to keep up with the extra gardening that we have now in place. Therefore, it appears that we have two options; one is to utilize the use of chemicals and the other is to increase our budget by \$60,000 for our existing gardening program.

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#### Recommendation:

- 1. That we consider the implementation of a chemical called Casoron for our shrub beds.
- 2. That we iniate this program on an alternating year by year basis, i.e.

1987	 Use Casoron
1988	 None
1989	 Use Casoron
1990	 None

This type of program has been discussed fully with the Parks Superintendent and our gardener, who have indicated that this would alleviate the problem.

The product would be utilized in the dormant season and on selected shrub beds only.

3. That no chemical use be utilized on our athletic field. Please find attached, information on Casoron.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Janna Taylor, Parks & Recreation Director.

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Weed Control in Woody Ornamentals, Fruit Trees, and Caragana Shelterbelts

Weed Control in Woody Ornamentals, Fruit Trees, and Caragana Shelterbelts CASORON Granular is recommended for control of many grasses and broadleaf weeds such as Crabgrass, Foxtail, Annual Bluegrass, Red-root Pigweed, Smartweed, Wild Mustard, Pineapple Weed, Knotweed, Chickweed, Shepherd's Purse, Lamb's Quarters, Groundsel, Purslane, Sourge: and Horsetail. It will control Couch Grass at high rates with late fail applications.

CASORON

Apply CASCRON Glanular, only to propared weed-free soil either in early spring before seeds of annual weeds germinate or after cultivation has removed weeds. Apply uniformly over the soil surface. Do not apply until after 4 weeks after transplanting. For best results CASORON should not be applied during periods of high soil temperature.

CASOROI- Granular may be used for weed control on the plants Ested below. Apply 100 to 150 pounds of CASORON Granular per acre based on the area actually treated. Do not use on light sandy soil. If application is followed by application of 1/2 to 1 inch of water, by overhead irrigation, the lower rates are recommended.

Fruit Trees and Fruit Tree Nurseries CASORON Granular may be used for weed control around bearing fruit and second year orchard stock of the following free fruits: APPLE, CHERRY, PEACH; PEAR, PLUM; Follow directions above:

. Area Treated			RON	for	
5 ft. x 5 ft. 6 ft. x 6 ft. 7 ft. x 7 ft. 8 ft. x 8 ft. 10 ft. x 10 ft.	. 1	1.3 2.0 2.7	151./A 01. 01. 01. 02. 02. 01.	 	5

#### Grapes

Apply only to weed growth under grapes established for at least two full years. Do not treat soil the year before planting or re-planting grapes. Grape nurseries should not be treated. Rates: For seeding weeds use 100 to 150 lbs, per acrevin early spring or fail. For perennial weeds such as couch grass, thistles; field bindweed apply in the fail using 150 to 200 lbs.

Follow these specific recommendations: 1: Treat when vines are completely dormant. 2. Treat only healthy vines. 3. Treat only vines established for at least two full years. 4. Apply in cool weather on moist soil. 5. Avoid local over-application to base of stem.

NOTE: If spring application is made, apply before the weeds germinate, a month before the grape buds burst. Do not apply on hazy, hot days. ÷. ·.. 7

Shelterbeits CASORON Granular may be used for weed control in Caragana Shelterbeits with repeat applications for maintenance weed control. Follow directions listed above. Control to ·\* 27

Woody Ornamentals. Established and in Nurseries CASORON Granular may be used for weed control on the plants listed below. Follow application directions given above.

AUSTRIAN PINE BARBERRY BOXWOOD CRABAPPLE CUTLEAF WEEPING BIRCH FASTERN BED CEDAR	EUONYMUS HEATHER JUNIPER LINDEN LOCUST (Colden & Silver)	MAPLE MOCK ORANGE VIBURNUM WHITE CEDAR YEW (TAXUS SPP)
EASTERN RED CEDAR	•	1400 (170000 SFF)

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NOTE: --- Do not use on Gladiolus, Firs (Ables species such as Balsam Fir --- Ables Concolor), Hemlock, Aluga, certain Hollies (Ilex Crenata, J. Rotunda, I. Vornitorial), Lilac, Spruce, Mugho Pine nor on herbaceous perennials (avoid use on plants which die down to the ground in the fall) and use, with caution on most shallow rooted ground covers. (Euonymus can be treated) can be treated).

Couchgrass (Quackgrass) and Artemesia Control in Established Woody Ornamentals Couchgrass and Artemesia Cari be controlled in the woody graaments listed above (except Boxwood, Euonymus) which has been planted for at least one year — and for control. In cultivated non-crop areas — Apply 125 lbs. of CASORON Granular per acre as a soil surface treatment. In late fall from October 15 to December 15 and reapply at the rate of 125 dbs. per acre in very early spring before May 1.

COUGHGRASS, THISTLES, BINDWEED can be fail treated to free the area of weeds for spring planting of woody ornamentals. Apply 200 to 250 lbs, of CASORON Granular per acre as a uniform coverage in late October or November.

#### Nutsedize Control

Nutsedge Control To control Nutsedge (Nutgrass) on mineral soils in areas on which containers of inursery stock are to be grown or held — and also for control on cultivated non-crop fland — apply 250 to 500 lbs. CASORON Granular per acre and incorporate importiately to a depth of 4 to 6 inches. Seasonal control, of annual, weeds will also be obtained. Containers of plants listed above may be placed on treated soil immediately. Do not transplant into treated soil for one year. for one year.

### Precautions Do not use in seed beds, transplant or cutting beds. Do not apply until 6- months after rooting of cuttings in the field. Do not graze livestock in treated areas.

#### Weed Control in Raspberries

For Couchgrass, many perennial broad-leaf weeds and annual weeds in established raspberry plantings apply CASORON 4G at the tate of 150 lbs, per acre in late fail. Do not cultivate or work into the soil, Do not apply in the spring as injury may occur.

#### Weed Control in Cranherries

Control of annual broadleaved species. Blue Aster, Loosestrife; 'Horsetail, grasses, certain-sedges and Juncus species.

Applications should be made early in the spring while perennial weeds are still dormant and annual weeds have not started to germinate. Apply pre-bloom. Spring Applications — Apply 100 lbs. CASORON Granular per acre. Do not make spring application after application the previous fall. See specific treatment direction for British Columbia. British Columbia, British Columb

NOTE: Distribute granules; evenly. Avoid over-application which may result from overlapping during treatment. Temporary reddening of Cranberry plants may occur, especially with late spring applications. Do not apply after Cranberry plants start to bloom, as yield may be reduced. Do not use on young beds or newly sanded beds, or beds recently mowed for vines. Use lower rates of application on sandy bogs.

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Weed Control in Highbush Blueberries Apply unformly at the rate of 150 to 200 lbs./A. to the base of plants during the dormant period (late winter). Brackers fern and weeds as for cranberries will be controlled.

CAUTION: — Harmful if swallowed. Avoid breathing dust. Avoid skin or eye contact: Avoid contamination of feed and foodstuffs, Do not use on croos other than those listed on the label. Keep out of reach of children. Store in a dry place in a tightly closed container. Do not plant vegetables or other sensitive crops the year following soil treatment with CASORON.

NOTICE TO USER: ---- This control product is to be used only in accordance with the directions on this label. It is an offence under the Pest Control Products Act to use a control product under unsafe conditions ... ..

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The representatives from S.P.E.C., Ms. Cathy Fox and Ms. Thelma McAdam spoke on the proposed use of chemicals. They voiced the following concerns:

- a. There is not a great deal of literature on the chemical CASDRON but based on what they have read this chemical is toxic and must be handled very carefully. They pointed out the manufacturer's warning "Notice to Users".
- b. The chemical must not be applied at a temperature greater than 18 degrees celcius and it must have water to act.
- c. Inhalation of this chemical is a health hazard.
- d. The chemical is toxic to children.
- e. What was the figure of \$60,000 increase in the Parks budget as the alternative of not using chemicals based upon? Seems awfully high.
- f. Why was CASDRON selected? Are there less toxic chemicals available?
- g. In view of the stability of herbicides, run-offs from the flower beds are likely to be carried downstream possibly causing harmful affects to unsuspecting others.
- Ms. Fox and Ms. McAdam recommended the following to the City:
- The City should continue its present policy of not using chemicals.
  - 2. The Parks & Rec Director look into the feasibility of hiring summer students to do the required weeding.
- 3. The City make better choices of ground covers for flower beds in order to reduce the need for weeding. Examples of good ground cover selections are some of the lancscaped areas of A.L.R.T. stations.
- 4. The Parks Crew should vacuum up the dandelion cuttings in grass fields since matured dangelion flowers may still produce seeds even after they are cut.
- 5. If the City decides to use chemicals, adequate signs must be posted to warn the public, aspecially in areas where children play.

The Committee avologized that unfortunately the Parks and Recreation Director was unable to give her comments on the foregoing and that the foregoing comments and concerns will certainly be converged to Ms. Taylor to assist her in the preparation of her report to Council on this subject. Ms. Cathy Fox asked for a copy of Sheila Darrs' report on the Integrated Weed Management Program for the City. This request will also be conveyed to Ms. Taylor for a response.

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