

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

A meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee was held in Meeting Room One, 2580 Shaughnessy Street, Port Coquitlam, on Wednesday, January 25, 1989 at 5:00 p.m.

In attendance were:

Alderman M.C. Farnworth, Chairman  
Alderman M.R. Wright, Co-Chairman  
D.G. Riecken, P. Eng., Deputy City Engineer

ITEM I: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

As this was the first meeting of the 1989 Committee, there was no confirmation of minutes of previous meetings.

ITEM II: 1989 BUDGET

The Deputy Engineer noted that the 1989 Provisional Budget contains an allowance of \$10,000 in operating funds and an addition of \$10,000 to the Recycling Reserve Fund which would bring the total in the reserve to \$20,000. The Committee decided to discuss the budget in detail at the next meeting.

ITEM III: GVRD BRIEF TO PROVINCIAL TASK FORCE ON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

The GVRD has requested that Council endorse their brief which was submitted to the Provincial Task Force on Solid Waste Management. The Chairman agreed to determine whether this has been done.

ITEM IV: SITE FOR DISPOSAL OF SMALL QUANTITIES OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

The Deputy Engineer presented a letter from the Minister of Environment requesting assistance in identifying potential sites for disposal of small quantities of waste laboratory chemicals. The Committee decided to defer discussion to a future meeting after the members have had a chance to review the letter.

ITEM V: 1989 PITCH-IN CAMPAIGN

An information package for the 1989 Pitch-In Campaign was presented by the Deputy Engineer. The Committee members requested that copies be made for their review as well as a report on what was done in previous years' campaigns.

ITEM VI: BACKYARD AND LAND CLEARING BURNING

The Deputy Engineer noted that Council has banned residential backyard burning as of January 1, 1989, and has directed the material normally burned not be picked up with the regular domestic garbage. Land clearing burning has been permitted to continue until April 14, 1989.

The Committee discussed potential alternatives to burning including composting. Grass clippings and other yard waste was also identified as having potential for composting, although this material is not normally burned.

The Committee requested that copies of City reports on the subject be made available to them for review, and that the Deputy Engineer contact the GVRD and other municipalities to determine what they are doing to solve the problem and what their experience has been. This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

ITEM VII: MULTI-MATERIAL RECYCLING PILOT PROJECT

The Deputy Engineer reviewed a proposal from SHARE to carry out a six month pilot project in one area of the City to determine costs, diversion rates, etc. The Committee requested that a representative of SHARE be invited to the next meeting to discuss the proposed pilot project.

ITEM VII: PESTICIDE APPLICATION REGULATIONS


Information obtained from the City of Vancouver was presented and discussed. The Committee decided to defer discussion to a future meeting after they have had a chance to review the information. The Chairman agreed to discuss the matter with members of the Simon Fraser Board of Health.

ITEM VIII: OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Wright referred to a complaint he had received from Mr. John Monte of 1628 Chadwick regarding gypsum board cuttings which the resident of 2824 St. James Street had buried in his back yard. The Deputy Engineer noted that the complaint had been referred to the Waste Management Branch who are investigating the complaint.

Alderman Wright referred to a complaint he had received about a business in the Meridian Industrial Park which had been burning styrofoam chips among other things on their property. The Deputy Engineer agreed to contact the Fire Department as well as the Air Quality Control Section of the GVRD to determine whether burning is permitted and if so what restrictions apply and what enforcement can be undertaken.

The Meeting Adjourned at 6:00 p.m.


  
D.G. Riecken, P. Eng.,  
Deputy City Engineer

  
Alderman M.C. Farnworth,  
Committee Chairman

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

cc Mayor and Aldermen  
City Administrator

  
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