

THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

MINUTES OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 4:00 p.m., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 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 - CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Recommended:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee held on Tuesday, January 7, 1986 be taken as read and adopted.


Carried

ITEM 2 - CLEAN-UP OF THE COQUITLAM RIVER

The following letters which was distributed to the Committee members were discussed:

- a. Letter from Mr. St. Germain, M.P. to Alderman Laking dated: January 16, 1986.
- b. Letter from the City to Mr. St. Germain, M.P. dated: October 30, 1985.

The Committee decided that there was little point in calling a joint meeting in the near future involving the Indian Band, the District of Coquitlam and the City as suggested by Mr. St. Germain. Firstly, under the extended Fraser River Flood Control Agreement, the flood-protection works along the Coquitlam River is not expected to commence until 1990 at the earliest. Secondly, in order to derive any meaningful discussions out of such a joint meeting with the Indian Band, there should be current information available with respect to the present condition of the Coquitlam River and what needs to be done to achieve flood protection for certain lands. This information can only be obtained after a thorough Consultant's Study. To date, Mr. St. Germain has not been able to assist in obtaining funds to have this Study commissioned.

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The Committee recommended that a letter be forwarded to Mr. St. Germain advising him of the following:

- The current schedule for flood-protection works along the Coquitlam River as indicated to us by the local Fraser River Flood Control Agreement coordinator, Mr. Eric Bonham.
- Stress the need for the Consultant's study prior to commencing any flood protection works.
- Request again that he assist the City and the District of Coquitlam by advancing the currently scheduled commencement date for the flood protection works. At the very least assist us now by obtaining funds to have a Consultant's Study carried out as soon as possible.
- Invite Mr. St. Germain to the City to discuss this matter further vis-a-vis how he can assist us.
- Copy of our letter to Mr. St. Germain dated October 30, 1985 asking him to attend a joint meeting of the City and the District of Coquitlam to be enclosed as well.


ITEM 3 - CLEAN AIR AND SMOKING REGULATIONS BYLAW

The Committee discussed this matter and concluded that there are obviously some serious ramifications to such a Bylaw. The Committee decided to table this item pending further research and study by the members into this matter.

ITEM 4 - APPLICATION FOR EMISSIONS - ENVIRO WASTE MANAGEMENT CORP.

The Committee was advised that an application for Emissions into the atmosphere has been submitted by Enviro Waste Management Corp. to the G.V.R.D. and that this application has been referred to the City for comments. Facts surrounding this application obtained from the G.V.R.D. are as follows:

1. Application is for an Approval only. This means that it is for a temporary period. It is expected that an application for an Emissions Permit which is more permanent will follow at a later date.
2. Enviro Waste Management Corp. is currently located in Burnaby and wishes to move to Port Coquitlam next to Coast Steel on Kingsway.
3. The company is research oriented and its activities are focused towards the destruction of various types of wastes (both toxic and non-toxic) through a high temperature incinerator.
4. Under the current application for Approval, the Company is seeking permission to incinerate "non-special wastes"

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such as sawdust contaminated with wood preservatives, coal dust, diesel fuel, etc.

5. Should the G.V.R.D. grant approval, it will be their responsibility to monitor this company's emissions to ensure that the G.V.R.D.'s emission standards are met.
6. It is expected that when a permanent emission permit is applied for in the near future, wastes other than "non-special wastes" may be included (ie. Poly-Chlorinated Bi-Phenols - PCB). When such a permit is applied for the City will again be afforded the opportunity for comments.

In discussing this matter, although the Committee welcomes the relocation of industries into the City, the main concern is that perhaps this type of industry may eventually prove to be undesirable due to its potential to pollute the air with toxic contaminants. The Committee decided that a letter should be forwarded to the G.V.R.D. as soon as possible advising them that we will not be in a position to comment on the application until such time that we have had the opportunity to hear a presentation from a company representative to Council at its next regular meeting.

ITEM 5 - OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Alderman Farnworth advised that he will not be able to attend the Environmental Appeal Board meeting of February 6, 1986. T. Chong stated that he will attend and that the meeting deals with procedural matters only and not the appeal against the Burrard Thermal Plant Emissions Permit itself.


MINUTES TAKEN BY:


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


Alderman
Chairman M.C. Farnworth

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

c.c. Mayor and Aldermen
City Administrator
City Clerk
City Engineer

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