

THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM

MINUTES OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 4:30 p.m., WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1985

PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE:

Alderman M.D. Gates, Chairman
Alderman W.W. Stewart, 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 Wednesday, November 20, 1985 be taken as read and adopted.

Carried

ITEM 2 - NEWSPAPER RECYCLING

The Committee was advised that Mr. John Wong, a local Boy Scout Troop Leader, approached the City regarding permission to pick-up Newspaper placed at the curb-side by local residents during the month of January, 86. He was advised by T. Chong that although neither the City nor International Paper Industries Ltd. would object to his Boy Scouts going door-to-door to collect newspapers for their drive. However, they will not be allowed to pick-up the newspaper left at the curb-side by residents for POCOMO Enterprises since it would contravene the conditions of the Newspaper Recycling Agreement. Mr. Wong was advised to contact Mr. Choquette of POCOMO Enterprises which picks up the newspaper to see if a mutually satisfactory arrangement can be made. Alderman Gates pointed out that during the Boy Scout Newspaper Drive, they can select a central location for the interim storage of newspaper such that they will be able to reduce the number of trips to the newspaper brokers at Terra Nova. T. Chong added that if this interim storage alternative is adopted, provisions must be made to ensure that clean up of the area occurs at the end of the newspaper drive. Alderman Gates will be contacting Mr. Wong to discuss this matter further.

The Committee was also shown a sample of the design for posters promoting newspaper recycling. A few amendments were made with the Committee deciding that a minimum of 25 posters (5 on large

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bristol boards and 20 on smaller sheets) be reproduced at this time. These posters promoting newspaper recycling shall be displayed in civic building, schools and shops with the consent of the appropriate authorities.

ITEM 3 - MULDOON'S NURSERY (346 LAURIER)

A copy of the letter dated November 25, 1985 which was forwarded by Mr. Terry George of 337 Prairie to the Mayor, the City Administrator and the Bylaw Enforcement Officer was shown to the Committee. In reviewing the letter, the Committee dealt with the item which has environmental significance. Specifically, Mr. George was concerned that the hog fuel which has been placed on the property at 346 Laurier will result in leachate entering an adjacent ditch subsequently causing harm to aquatic and wildlife. T. Chong advised the Committee that both himself and a technician from the Waste Management Branch, M.O.E. have visited the site independently. The opinion of the Waste Management Branch is that the hog fuel is posing no threat in terms of leachate at this time since everything is frozen and the hog fuel is very new (ie. not digested yet). They have been assured by the Muldoon's that once the wet weather occurs again much of the hog fuel covered area will be under the proposed green-house which will be built in the interim. The only area which will not be under cover and which will pose problems in terms of leachate will be along the perimeter of the proposed greenhouse. This small area should not pose a major problem in terms of pollution but Waste Management Officials will be making periodic inspections to check up on this as follow-up action. Since the placement of the hog fuel does not appear to violate any other existing Bylaws or Statutes, the Committee did not recommend any further action to be taken except to follow-up on the findings of the Waste Management Branch in the future.

ITEM 4 - SUMMARY OF THE COMMITTEES ACHIEVEMENTS DURING 1985

The Committee reviewed the following items which it was actively involved in:

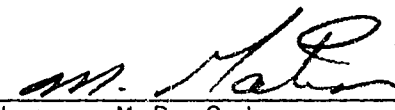
- a. Followed up reported pollution problems caused by local industries (ie. C.P.R. and Recochem) to bring about the construction of on-site pollution abatement measures.
- b. Initiated the City's Curbside Newspaper Recycling Program. Under this program which commenced July 2, 1985; it was estimated that the direct savings to the City per month in terms of refuse collection and disposal costs may be as high as \$1,000 per month on average. The indirect benefits to the City are the channeling of the profits by POCOMO Enterprises back into the Community in the form of various programs such as FOOD BANK, TRANSPORTATION FOR CHILDREN AND SENIORS, CHRISTMAS HAMPERS, ETC.

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- c. Initiated grant application to the Federal Government for the construction of works to flood-proof the downtown area and for the necessary works to clean up the Coquitlam River such that it can support anadromous fish and become a major amenity to the City.
- d. Made other Municipalities aware of the danger to aquatic life resulting from the inadvertent discharge of chlorinated water into fish rearing watercourses during routine flushing of watermains.
- e. Amended existing Bylaw to require owners of dogs to remove dog feces from public and private properties.


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 Administrator
City Clerk
City Engineer

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ITEM 3
28/11/85

TO: Mayor Mr. Kirk, Mr. Criggie,
PoCo. City Hall.
2272 McAllister Ave.
Port Coquitlam, B. C.

GENTLEMEN:

Regarding By Law as set forth under agricultural zone 1 (A-1)
Section -2- Height of building not to exceed 36.09 ft.

--4- Lot Coverage

Sub-section (b)

Buildings and structures for agric. use shall not
exceed a maximum coverage of 20% of lot area.

We the residents of the A.L.R. believe the Muldoon
Wholesale Nursery of 346 Laurier is in contravention of the
above bylaws.

It is our understanding that the above mentioned business
is located on two -- 2 1/2 acre parcels. The parcel to the
east (Roll #905005) appears to be covered with a maize of ware
houses like structures. We are told the above mentioned by-laws
were designed to preserve and to protect agricultural lands from
this very thing.

Because of numerous truck loads of hogg fuel being hauled
in for land fill since last spring and continuing to date, it
is our belief that the second 2.5 acre parcel will meet the same
fate, as one greenhouse has already been established on it.
The leachage from the hogg fuel is now entering a main
ditch that flows across agricultural land and we feel this will
pose a threat to the existing fish population within it, as well
as other wildlife.

Because of the concentrated aspect of the commercial
operation we are concerned about the already undersized, under-
pressured water system that has, what we believe, affected our
domestic use, as well as fire-fighting capabilities.

Further to this, we are of the opinion our agricultural
standard roads are not suited to the heavy trucks servicing
this operation.

In conclusion, this operation is an infringement on our
peace and quiet enjoyment of this agric. area.

We are expecting those matters to be looked into, immediately,
and the residents concerned to be informed as to the progress
being made.

Yours truly,
Committee of concerned
Citizens Ass'n.

George Terry
337 Prairie

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