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Mayor L. Sekora

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES  
1993 MARCH 29**

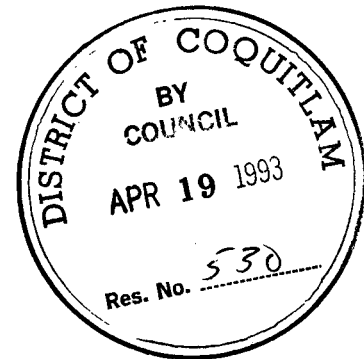
A regular meeting of the Environment Committee of Council was held at 0730 h in the Committee Room, City Hall, with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor W. LeClair  
Councillor J. Kingsbury  
Councillor E. Parker  
Councillor B. Robinson

STAFF

Norman A. Cook  
Neil Nyberg  
Mike Iviney  
Eric Tiessen

ITEM I - MINUTES

The was the first meeting of the Environment Committee.

ITEM II - BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

ITEM III - NEW BUSINESS503-1 Environment Month Activities

The Committee reviewed the staff report proposing activities for June 1993, Environment Month, including:

- litter collection by volunteers;
- tree planting;
- nature walks;
- an environmental display at Coquitlam Centre on 1993 June 6-13;
- a celebration of Clean Air Day on 1993 June 9;
- an environmental forum with Centennial students on "a sustainable society";
- a public information meeting on water quality (1993 June 10).

The display at Coquitlam Centre will include a raffle for a backyard composter. Participants in the Environment Week display 1993 June 6-13 will include GVRD, Ministry of Environment, Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Burke Mountain Naturalists.

The Committee asked staff to arrange a forum, possible at Centennial School, with a 'keynote' speaker, followed by discussion on trade-offs to achieve a sustainable society. Councillor LeClair will chair the forum.

The Committee asked Members of Council, staff and the public to celebrate 'Clean Air' Day by using alternate forms of transportation to reach the 1993 June 07 Council meeting. Alternate forms of transportation include walking, biking, public transit.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report on Environment Month be received.

Carried Unanimously

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**503-2 GVWD Drinking Water Quality Improvement Program**

Committee reviewed the GVRD plan for improved disinfection to achieve higher drinking water quality. Staff discussed the need for a re-examination of the economic and environmental impacts of using chloramines as a method of disinfection. Water Utility staff are concerned about discharge of chloramines to aquatic habitat and the costs of achieving an appropriate level of environmental protection. The GVWD Environmental Impact Assessment of Chloramines will address some of the scientific issue, but further discussion is needed on implementation.

The Committee encouraged staff to pursue the cost implications of adopting chloramine disinfection with the GVRD.

A proposed Community Forum for Thursday, June 10 could be held at the Social Recreation Centre. Staff was asked to contact GVWD and Cable 4 for assistance and coverage.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**COUNCIL  
ACTION  
REQUIRED**

**That the GVWD be requested to make a presentation on Water Quality at a Community Forum held in Coquitlam during Environment Week, possibly on 1993 June 10..**

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**503-3 Environment Committee Program for 1993**

**COUNCIL  
ACTION  
REQUIRED**

The Committee discussed the need to improve measures for siltation control during 1993. Some possible measures include construction regulations governing truck access to building sites; additional inspection and heavier penalties. Other municipalities should be contacted for comparative legislation and regulations.

The Committee discussed the need to provide improved awareness of environmental change in Coquitlam. Staff will report on possible community for topics at the next meeting.

The Committee discussed the current level of effectiveness of composting and the need for future programs.

**IV - OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Siltation Control**

The Committee discussed the need to improve on-site siltation control, including gravel ponds and silt fences. Specifically, the Committee wanted an opportunity to review policies and the proposed Subdivision Control Bylaw amendments on siltation control and contamination.

**V - NEXT MEETING**

The Committee requested that the next meeting include a field tour of environmental protection measures on Westwood Plateau. A tentative schedule of 1993 May 10 depends on the availability of the Wesbild Information Centre. Staff was asked to develop a program and meeting venue.

- Items to be included in the next Committee agenda:
- Review of Fraser River shoreline (FREMP, potential contaminated sites)
- Status report on PCB storage sites (licensed sites, present holdings, locations) in tabular form;
- Update on Newstech facility (sludge disposal methods);
- Review legislation on truck emissions (air quality);
- Update on dumping reported on Quarry Road;
- Technological change possible in gravel pit operations (crushing/truck washing) (U.S. regulations).
- Implementation of Bill 77.

Councillor Robinson requested a copy of Tree Cutting Bylaw 2169 be forwarded to Councilor Joe Francis of New Westminster.

**VI - ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 0845 H.

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## INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION



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### ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

1993 May 10

A regular meeting of the Environment Committee of Council was held at 0800h at the Westwood Plateau Information Centre, with the following persons present:

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor B. Robinson  
Councillor E. Parker

#### STAFF

Norman A. Cook  
Neil Nyberg  
Eric Tiessen  
Mike Iviney

#### ITEM I - MINUTES of 1992 September 28

Councillor Robinson assumed the chair at 0800h.  
The minutes of the meeting of 1993 March 29 were adopted.

#### ITEM II - BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

##### 503-1 Environment Month

The Committee reviewed a proposed program for Environment Week which featured community sponsored nature walks, a display at Coquitlam Centre and public meetings.

- 1993 June 05 Public Library Ministry of Environment
- 1993 June 09 Centennial School Forum: Councillor Parker
- 1993 June 10 Water Quality Community Forum: Councillor Robinson

Committee Action: That the report on Environment Month be received.

##### 503-2 Hazardous Material Locations

The Committee reviewed the list of 15 locations in Coquitlam which are registered for storage of household hazardous waste which may be deposited on the last Sunday of each month at the Surrey facility maintained by the BC Ministry of Environment. The Coquitlam Fire/Rescue Department maintains the hazardous waste data base for the City.

Committee Action: That the report on Hazardous Substance Storage Location be received.

##### 503-3 Newstech Facility Update

The Committee examined the application by Newstech Recycling Limited Partnership for a water licence to withdraw up to 3 million gallons per day from the Fraser River.

Committee Action: That the plan by Newstech Recycling Limited Partnership to withdraw water from the Fraser River be supported.



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**503-4 Bill 77 Tree Protection**

The Committee reviewed the current study on implementing Bill 77 tree protection regulations. A draft report is anticipated is anticipated in June 1993.

**Committee Action:** That the status report on Bill 77 be received.

**503-5 Domtar Site: Soil Remediation Pilot Project**

The Committee learned of the pilot project for soil contamination remediation at Domtar site.

**IV - OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chair thanked the host, Wesbild Enterprises for the use of their Committee Room.

**V - NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting will be at the call of the Chair.

**VI - ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 0828 h.