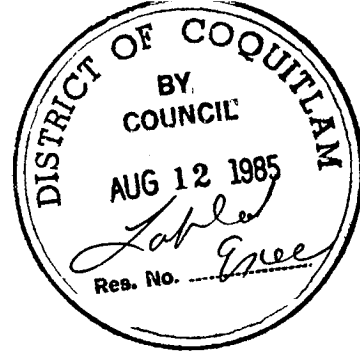


EMERGENCY MEASURES COMMITTEE

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Tuesday, July 16, 1985
Emergency Measures Committee - 7:00 p.m.



A meeting of the Emergency Measures Committee convened in the Committee Room, 1111 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam, B.C. on Tuesday, July 16, 1985 at 7:00 p.m. with the following members of the Committee present:

Mayor L. Sekora, Chairman,
Alderman L. Bewley,
Alderman W. LeClair.

Members of staff present were:

Mr. J. L. Tonn, Municipal Manager;
Assistant Fire Chief Doug Johnson, Co-ordinator;
Mrs. Sandra Aikenhead, Deputy Municipal Clerk, who acted as Secretary to the Committee.

Report of Municipal Manager -
Fire Hazard in Coquitlam

The Municipal Manager reported that due to the extreme fire hazard throughout the Province, the Fire Department have taken several measures to try to prevent unnecessary fires in the District. He stated they have requested that the School Board cut the long grass close to the school buildings. A special surveillance has been set up and the Fire Department will be touring construction areas on a regular basis. The tanker truck is loaded and sitting at the Works Yard ready for use. The hydrants in Mundy Park have been checked and are ready to go. The hydrants in Riverview Lands area have been made operational and are available for firefighting purposes if needed. The Fire Department has discussed the potential problems with the Forestry Department the possible use of water bombers if needed.

He reported that if the situation deteriorates further and the hot weather continues, fire surveillance will be on a 24 hour basis. The gates have been locked at Harper Road to Burke Mountain to limit access within that area. Building permits now being taken out are being stamped with a notice stating that all outdoor burning is strictly prohibited until further notice. The Manager reported that if the situation deteriorates further, fire surveillance pickets will be instituted.

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Report of Co-ordinator

Mr. Johnson reported that the water pressure is low at the present time due to the heavy demand on the water system because of the hot weather. In a fire emergency, his department would have to call in the Water Department to try to bump up the pressure in the required area.

The Emergency Call-out Group have been called out twice in the last few weeks. It is a difficult group to keep intact. A lot of the volunteers drop out. It's difficult to make them realize how important they are as a group. As well, they are required to take some very time consuming courses to qualify.

The Co-ordinator stated that he would be making some recommendations to the Committee in the near future regarding the organizational set up of the group.

He further reported that he would be making some recommendations to the Committee very soon on the transportation of hazardous goods.

He also reported that he would like to see an emergency training program for all municipal Department Heads, Deputy Department Heads and Works Yard staff as they would become a very important part of controlling any emergencies.

Adjournment

The Emergency Measures Committee Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

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