
TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2007 April 03

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

SUBJECT: PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE - ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

PURPOSE: To obtain Council approval for the Engineering Department to host a public Open House at the Works Yard

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Staff be authorized to host an Engineering Department Open House for the general public at the City Works Yard, 5780 Laurel Street on Saturday, May 12 from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

REPORT

Public participation and community outreach programs are an integral part of City services and the Engineering Department has incorporated these community values as a part of our service delivery standards.

In the past few years, community outreach and communication programs such as in-school education on waste reduction and water conservation, cosmetic pesticide reduction campaign, participation in community events, etc. have been implemented to foster better connections between the Engineering Department and the citizens of Burnaby.

For 2007, in addition to the ongoing public communication programs, the Engineering Department is proposing to host an Open House for the general public to learn more about the services and programs delivered by the department. Subject to Council's approval, the proposed Open House would be held on:

Saturday May 12, 2007
10:00am to 2:00pm
Works Yard – 5780 Laurel Street

The Open House will be held in part to celebrate the National Public Works Week in the week of May 20, 2007. The Open House will include a display of equipment and specialized vehicles used by Engineering staff to perform infrastructure maintenance and construction work. In addition, demonstrations will be conducted by staff in carpentry, plumbing, survey, auto maintenance, GIS, sign making etc. City environmental messages on idling reduction,

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energy/water conservation, cosmetic herbicide reduction and storm water best management practices will be displayed as part of the Open House event.

Through the public Open House, staff seeks to establish a positive connection between the Engineering Department and the general public and to showcase the engineering services that are dedicated to improving the quality of life for all citizens in the community. The cost of the Open House is provided within the Engineering Operating Budget.

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W.C. Sinclair, P. Eng.
DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

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