

18. Re: Letters - Oil Spill in Eagle Creek
(Item 40, Report 52, Council Meeting August 28, 1972)

Further to the Medical Health Officer's preliminary report submitted to Council on August 28, 1972, regarding the above in which it was noted that a comprehensive report would be forthcoming on approximately September 18, 1972, we would advise that we are unable to forward a specific submission pertaining to the above noted subject at this time. The case is before the Court and will not be heard until October 27, 1972. The Medical Health Officer will report when the subject has been disposed of by the Court.

In the meantime, he advises that the clean-up of Eagle Creek has been completed.

We would take this opportunity of advising on discussions that have been held with allied Governmental services and pertain directly to the future protection of our watercourses. The meetings were attended by the following representatives:

Department of Environment (federal)

- Dr. G. Lorne March, Consultant, Emergency Measures Branch, Environmental Protection Service
- W.A. Morris, Wildlife Biologist, Canadian Wildlife Service
- B.A. Heskin, Manager, Pollution Abatement Branch, Environment Protection Service
- John Watkins, Technician, Environment Protection Service

Burnaby Health Department

- G.H. Armson, Chief Public Health Inspector
- A.C. Broomfield, Pollution/Pest Control Officer

Three main subjects have been discussed:

- (1) Future sampling and investigation methods;
- (2) Permanent barriers on all watercourses that would collect floating liquids; solids, and debris;
- (3) A short educational course on the Municipal storm sewer system for officials of companies which have a processing operation that could result in a discharge to storm sewers and thence to our watercourses.
 - (a) this suggested course would be of 1 1/2 to 2 hours duration accomplished area by area and start with the commercial and industrial operations tributary to Eagle Creek (Lake City).
 - (b) Panel members would be supplied by the following official agencies:
 - (i) The Department of Environment (Federal) - various branches;
 - (ii) Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District;
 - (iii) Municipal Engineering Department;
 - (iv) Municipal Health Department.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the Health Department be directed to carry on the discussion with the above noted official agencies and that a joint report as to the best method of protection of Municipal watercourses be submitted to Council for perusal and approval; and

THAT a further report be submitted by the Medical Health Officer after the subject oil spill has been disposed of by the Court; and

THAT the complainants be so advised.