

ITEM 17

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 5

COUNCIL MEETING Jan. 24/72

17. Re: Education of the Public Regarding Fire Hazards

Alderman Constable at the Council meeting on January 17, 1972, suggested that the public be properly warned about the hazards associated with the presence of vapors and other highly combustible compounds in private dwellings. The Manager was requested to report on the efforts of the Burnaby Fire Department to educate the public on this subject.

Following the occurrence of two tragic fire deaths in December, 1971, Chief L. C. Auvache discussed the subject on radio station CJOR (Hotline) and was interviewed on a Channel 2 evening news broadcast. Statements that he made on the subject were also quoted on radio stations CKNW, CKWX, CJJC and Channel 8.

Fire Department personnel distribute National Fire Protection Association information pamphlets that include articles on the subject during Fire Prevention Week and to all individuals who visit municipal firehalls.

Because of this type of fire problem and in order to achieve broader coverage, the Chief and his staff are presently considering the feasibility of including a safety bulletin with tax notices that will be mailed to approximately 29,000 residents in May, 1972.

Additional supplies of National Fire Protection Association pamphlets will be purchased and distributed to the public on a continuing basis.

We have investigated the possibility of placing stickers on furnaces, thus advising the home-owner of the hazards involved with the presence of vapours. It does not appear practical to do this with the Fire Department as they do not make that many home inspections. We will discuss this matter with the Hydro to see if they think the idea is feasible.

This is for the information of Council.