

ITEM 17
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 60
COUNCIL MEETING Sept. 25/72

17. Re: Letter dated September 21, 1972, from James Greer
Oil Spill Eagle Creek

In connection with the above, the Medical Health Officer advises:

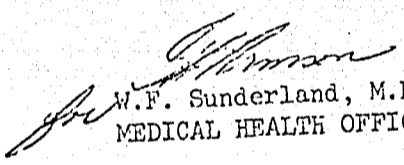
// As you are aware, oil entered Eagle Creek on August 18, 1972. The case is presently before the Court with a trial date set for October 27, 1972. The source was found and stopped by the Burnaby Health Department. The clean-up operation was also carried out under the direction of this Department. The charges were laid by the R.C.M.P. under the authority of Section 51 of the Migratory Birds Convention Act.

It is our opinion that a statement at this time of the substance involved or the number of birds involved could affect the outcome of this case.

We would state that a company, situated in Lake City, was charged and pleaded guilty to permitting a foreign substance to enter Eagle Creek in April, 1970. The charge was laid under Section 66 of the Sanitary Regulations made pursuant to the Health Act. A fine was levied.

Meetings have been held and further meetings are planned with officials of the Department of Environment in regard to future protection of all the Municipal internal waterways. Our recommendations will be forwarded to you when our final plan is adopted.

In the meantime, we would stress that every effort is being made to protect our watercourses. "


W.F. Sunderland, M.D., D.P.H.
MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICER

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT a copy of this report item be sent to Mr. Greer.