

40. Re: Letters - Oil Spill in Eagle Creek

Appearing on the Agenda for the August 28, 1972 Council Meeting are letters from the following persons concerning an oil spill in Eagle Creek:

V. A. Clark,
Mr. Orest Moysiuk, President, Burnaby SPEC,
Mrs. Joan O'Dwyer,
R.K. and E.B. Ross,
Mrs. W. J. Wolfe

The Chief Public Health Inspector initiated an investigation on the morning of August 18, 1972, following notification that oil had entered Eagle Creek. He advises that his department has taken the following action:

- " 1. Pollutant identified (Pollutant was not petroleum, but a cooking oil).
2. Source discovered.
3. Involved manholes sealed off and pumped by tank pumper.
4. One dead duck forwarded to Mr. W. Morris, Biologist, Canadian Wildlife Services, U.B.C. Campus.
5. A barrier placed across the creek.
6. Meeting held with officials from the Department of Environment.
7. Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District was advised.
8. Federal Department of Environment was advised.

A comprehensive report regarding this matter will be submitted to Council when the investigation has been completed (a report to Council is tentatively scheduled for September 18, 1972).

In the meantime, Council may be assured that all proper action has been taken. "

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT persons who have written to Council about the oil spill in Eagle Creek be advised that a comprehensive report concerning this matter is expected from the Public Health Department on approximately September 18, 1972.