

ITEM 21

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 35

COUNCIL MEETING May 6/74

Re: Trans Mountain Oil Pipeline Company

At the meeting of Council on April 22, 1974, it was mentioned that a notice had appeared in a recent edition of the Vancouver Sun that the subject Company would be discharging effluent from a ballast water treatment plant to Burrard Inlet, and that this would produce a greater volume of water than was being allowed to be discharged to Burrard Inlet as a part of the Chevron Refinery Expansion Program. Council subsequently requested a report to include comments on the following two matters:

1. The difference between the amount of water which will be discharged by Chevron as compared to the Trans Mountain proposal.
2. Whether the Trans Mountain proposal will adversely affect the intended recreational use of the land abutting Burrard Inlet.

The Director of Planning advises that his staff is presently engaged in discussions with the Municipal Health Department and various pollution control agencies in an effort to acquire information on this matter.

The article in the Vancouver Sun indicates that any objections to the Company's application for a permit must be submitted within 30 days of the date of publication in a newspaper; i.e., by May 19, 1974. It has been determined that under the existing procedure, it is only necessary to serve a notice to object by this deadline, and that such notice will cause the application to be put in abeyance pending the submission of follow-on information.

Staff is endeavouring to have a supplementary report for Council on May 6. If this is not possible, a report will be submitted on May 13, in which case we would have six days in which to either object or to serve a notice of objection. If the latter alternative were exercised, a complete documentation of the reasons for the objection would be submitted to the Pollution Control Branch at a later time (after May 19).

This is for the information of Council.