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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 13

COUNCIL MEETING Feb. 24/75

Re: Letter dated February 17, 1975 from Mr. James E. Quibell
1087 Anglesea Drive, Richmond, B.C.
Indoor Waste Containers

Appearing on the Agenda for the February 24, 1975 meeting of Council is a letter from Mr. James E. Quibell regarding standards for waste containers as defined by Section 1.5 of Burnaby Fire Prevention By-Law No. 5096 (1968).

The definition for noncombustible receptacles as contained in the National Fire Code of Canada (1963) and the applicable section of the Burnaby By-Law is as follows:

"Noncombustible receptacle means a container which is constructed of materials that will not support combustion and that have a high resistance to heat softening. The container shall have a close-fitting metal lid or cover that shall be kept on the receptacle at all times."

The Provincial Fire Marshal advises that the Dominion Fire Code, which is referenced in Mr. Quibell's correspondence, pertains to premises and establishments under Federal jurisdiction, and has no authority or application in other areas.

The Fire Department finds acceptable all receptacles that carry either the Underwriter's Laboratory (U.L.) or Canadian Standards Association (C.S.A.) stamps of approval. The Fire Department has accordingly never rejected any receptacle with such certification, and will not do so in the future.

Mr. Quibell's reference to an immediate problem at Dogwood Lodge pertains to an inspection in January which disclosed that 22 of the Lodge's 246 waste paper baskets were not properly certified, or in some way unacceptable to the Inspection Officer. An order was subsequently issued for the replacement of these baskets which, incidentally, were supplied by Rubbermaid (Canada) Limited. Administrative staff at the Lodge has replaced the baskets in compliance with the order.

In summary, U.L. or C.S.A. certified receptacles are routinely approved by the Fire Department, irrespective of the material that has been used in their construction. Because Mr. Quibell's firm markets receptacles that carry the appropriate certification, as noted in the last paragraph on the first page of his letter, such products would not be rejected for use anywhere in Burnaby.

The Fire Chief believes that there is no need to amend Section 1.5 of Burnaby Fire Prevention By-Law at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. James E. Quibell.