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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	71
COUNCIL MEETING	Oct. 17/77

Re: GASOLINE SPILL
GULF OIL CANADA LTD.

On June 27, 1977, Council was advised that on June 17, 1977, a spillage of gasoline (approximately 11,000 gallons) occurred at the Gulf Oil Canada Ltd.'s distribution plant at 9950 Barnet Highway, that an investigation had commenced and that further reports would be submitted to Council in the future.

On July 6, 1977, a meeting attended by members of the Health and Fire Departments, Gulf Oil Canada Ltd. and the Provincial Government's Pollution Control Board was held to discuss the matter. The existing situation at the plant was thoroughly explored and general agreement reached as to the provision and installation of on-site safety and pollution control equipment. The two major items of discussion were excess flow valves and containment facilities. It was understood that the company would submit its written proposal regarding future safety and pollution control equipment to the Municipality in the very near future.

On August 10, 1977, senior officials of the company at a meeting presented to the Chief Public Health Inspector, the Fire Department's Chief Fire Warden, the Pollution Control Board representative and the City Engineer from Port Moody a written up-grading to prevent oil spills. This was agreed upon by all concerned except for valve manifolds in the containment area, which those in attendance thought should be 10,000 gallons. The meeting concluded with a strong recommendation on the importance of improving safety practices and procedures in all plant areas, and an understanding that work would commence on the containment area with excess flow valves to be installed when they become available from suppliers.

The current status is that plans showing containment facilities with a capacity of 13,000 gallons have been received. This capacity, which exceeds our minimum requirements for containment by 3,000 gallons, is expected to become operative by the end of the year.

This will be the final report on this matter unless unforeseeable events develop in the future.

This is for the information of Council.