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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	4
COUNCIL MEETING	1978 01 16

Re: APPOINTMENT OF AN ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO ADMINISTER
AND ENFORCE THE SOIL CONSERVATION ACT AND ASSOCIATED
REGULATIONS

Following is a report from the Director of Planning regarding local enforcement of certain provisions as provided for in the Soil Conservation Act.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Director of Planning's recommendation be adopted.

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT
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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE SOIL CONSERVATION ACT
AND ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

The Planning Department is in receipt of a notification from the Soils Branch of the Provincial Ministry of Agriculture which advises that the revised Soil Conservation Act received Royal Assent on 1977 September 27. This act now enables local authorities to effectively control land filling and soil removal activities within the area of the Agricultural Land Reserve. A copy of this Act and the supplementary material are available in the Planning Department for those members of Council who may wish to study this matter in greater detail.

Section I of this Act names the Regional Board of a Regional District as the local authority charged with the responsibility of issuing permits. A Municipality may act as the local authority if it so notifies, in writing, the appropriate Regional District. The Provincial Agricultural Land Commission must also be notified.

Prior to the invocation of the revised Soil Conservation Act, the appropriate Municipal Council or Regional District was required to appoint an officer to enforce and administer this Act. In this regard, the Council, on 1974 April 29, appointed the Director of Planning as the Enforcement Officer. This appointment recognized the prime need to maintain effective control

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