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RE: AIR POLLUTION - NORTH BURNABY

The following report from the Chief Public Health Inspector contains information on an incident involving air pollution which was apparent in North Burnaby during August and September. This report is in response to:

- a) An initial enquiry by Council which was made at the meeting on August 13.
- b) Two enquiries by Council which were made on September 17.
- c) Letter from Mr. Len Sweet, Vice-President of the North Slope Ratepayers Association, which appears on the agenda for the 1979 October 01 meeting of Council.

Follow-up will be taken to ensure that a further report is referred to Council no later than October 15.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. Len Sweet, Vice-President, North Slope Ratepayers Association, 3911 Edinburgh Street, Burnaby, B.C. V5C 1R4.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 79 09 27
 FROM: CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
 RE: MEMO FROM DEPUTY CLERK - 79 08 17
AIR POLLUTION PROBLEMS - NORTH BURNABY

RECOMMENDATION

THAT this report be received for the information of Council.

REPORT

Further to the above-noted subject, arising from a Council query, we would submit the following progress report.

In early 1979 August, this Department received several complaints of an unpleasant odour most noticeable during night-time hours. The complainants were advised to contact the Regional authorities, Air Pollution Control, with full particulars as to location, duration and type of odour. Health Department Inspectors were requested to investigate any unusual visible air emission and also to note any change in operations during their inspections of industrial sites.

The B.C. Hydro and Power Authority were contacted and information requested as to their receipt of complaints. We were advised that they had had complaints of odour, but their investigations had ascertained that the odours were not related to their industry.

A discussion was held in our office with Mr. Lamonte Haldecing, Air Pollution Control, G.V.R.D., at which time the subject of odour was fully discussed. The G.V.R.D. Air Quality Control had embarked upon, and were maintaining, an extensive programme of investigation aimed at the identification and elimination of this odour. The problem was certainly one of magnitude as many complaints were being received and these came from areas as far apart as U.B.C. and White Rock.

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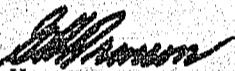
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This Department was not successful in contributing information that may have proven beneficial to the solving of this odour problem. We were advised by J. Barrie Mills, P. Eng., Pollution Control, G.V.R.D., that Regional authorities were unable, even with their intensified investigation, to locate any specific operation or collective operations that would have been responsible for this odour.

It is our opinion that the unusual weather conditions of the time, coupled with the great variety of odour emissions common to all urban areas, was at least partially responsible for the presence and persistency of this odour.

We would emphasize that every effort was made by the Air Pollution Control authorities to locate and identify the origin or origins of this odour. It is our understanding that we will be receiving a report from the Air Pollution Control authorities, G.V.R.D., within two weeks. This report will be forwarded to you on receipt.

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CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR