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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	41
COUNCIL MEETING	1980 06 02

RE: LETTER FROM THE SAVE HOWE SOUND SOCIETY
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Appearing on the agenda for the 1980 June 02 meeting of Council is a letter from Doreen M. Wakely, President of the Save Howe Sound Society. The following report from the Deputy Municipal Clerk contains background information on this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the report of the Deputy Municipal Clerk be received for information purposes.

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1980 May 27

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
 FROM: DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK
 RE: LETTER FROM "SAVE HOWE SOUND COMMITTEE" WHICH APPEARS ON THE AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING ON 1980 JUNE 02 RE OPEN PIT MINING ON GAMBIER ISLAND

Recommendation:

1. THAT Council receive this report for information purposes.

REPORT

Appearing on the Council agenda for the meeting on 1980 June 02 is a letter from the "Save Howe Sound Committee" concerning open pit mining on Gambier Island.

For the information of Council, it is advised that on 1980 February 04, the following motion was adopted:

"THAT the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the District of Burnaby support the Gambier Island Trustees and show its support by writing a letter to the Trustees stating that Council supports their contention and their worry about the open pit mining in Gambier Island."

This motion of Council was forwarded to the Local Trustees, Gambier Island by the Municipal Clerk on 1980 February 07.

On 1980 March 05 the Board of Directors of the G.V.R.D. adopted the following motion relative to this subject:

"BE IT RESOLVED that the Greater Vancouver Regional District advise the Provincial Cabinet that it wishes to receive all pertinent information relative to this development and to be heard relative to this development before any decision on it is taken by the Provincial Government."

Following is an excerpt from the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Vancouver Regional District on the above subject in 1980 March 19:

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"TO consider a previously circulated report dated March 13, 1980 from the Electoral Areas Committee regarding the Howe Sound Ecology, the report reading as follows:

At its meeting of March 5, 1980, the Electoral Areas Committee considered the matter of a mining development proposal on Gambier Island and the wider implications of the impact on the ecology of the Howe Sound area. The following resolution was then passed:

THAT Whereas it has been proposed that mining development take place on Gambier Island, Howe Sound, and other developments such as port expansion and mill expansion have also been proposed for other areas of Howe Sound,

AND Whereas, the tourist and visitor industry in the Howe Sound area is of great importance to the Greater Vancouver Regional District,

AND Whereas the Howe Sound area has been previously proposed as a Marine Park,

THEREFORE Be It Resolved That this Committee views any threats to the ecology of the Howe Sound area with serious concern and urges that complete ecological and economical studies of any development proposals affecting the area be brought forward from all available sources."

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

THAT the foregoing Electoral Areas Committee report dated March 13, 1980 regarding Howe Sound Ecology be received.

CARRIED

"TO consider previously circulated correspondence dated March 7, 1980 from the office of the City Clerk of Vancouver regarding mineral exploration on Gambier Island, Howe Sound, B.C. (copy attached to original minutes).

The letter includes an extract from the minutes of the Vancouver City Council meeting of March 4, 1980 in which Council indicates its support of the G.V.R.D. in any initiative to the Provincial Government requesting that mining exploration on Gambier Island be halted and also noting that the City supports the Gambier Island Trustees in this matter."

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

THAT the correspondence dated March 7, 1980 from the office of the City Clerk, Vancouver, be received.

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Following is an excerpt from the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Vancouver Regional District on the above subject in 1980 April 30:

"TO consider a previously circulated Electoral Areas Committee considered the matter of mineral exploration on Gambier Island, and the following resolution was passed:

THAT Whereas the Provincial Government has made a decision to permit mineral exploration on Gambier Island,

AND Whereas universal concern is manifest from adjacent areas that regard Howe Sound as a natural resource of the Province,

AND Whereas G.V.R.D. staff has been requested to investigate present proposals of both potential developers and the attitude of the Provincial Government,

THEREFORE Be It Resolved That this committee recommends that the Board of Directors adopt a firm position with the Provincial Government in respect to requiring that no new industrial development be permitted in the Howe Sound area, with the exception of additional wharfage at Squamish,

AND Further, That staff be directed to provide any update to the Board as soon as possible,

AND Further That the Board be requested to hear any concerned delegations regarding this matter.

It was MOVED and SECONDED,

THAT the foregoing resolution be adopted as the decision of the Board.

NOT VOTED

In subsequent debate, it was suggested that the Electoral Areas Committee resolution is too wide-ranging and that all affected parties should first be given the opportunity to express their views. Some members of the Board suggested it is particularly important to involve representatives of the mining industry and the Sunshine Coast Regional District in any discussions before a firm position is adopted by the G.V.R.D. Board.

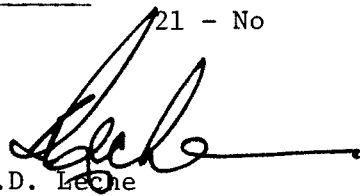
It was MOVED and SECONDED,

THAT the matter of Gambier Island mineral Exploration be referred back to the Electoral Areas Committee with direction to involve participation of concerned industries and of the local Regional District.

ON A RECORDED VOTE, RESOLUTION #7.4.2 WAS
CARRIED

35 - Yes

21 - No



B.D. Leone
DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK

