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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 37
COUNCIL MEETING 1983 05 24

RE: LETTER FROM MRS. D. HEYS, SECRETARY, SOUTH BURNABY GARDEN CLUB,
6126 DENBIGH AVENUE, BURNABY, B.C., V5H 3R5
OUTDOOR BURNING

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendations of the Director Engineering be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 83 05 18
FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING
SUBJECT: OUTDOOR BURNING WEEKENDS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council approve a change in the Spring burning days from the last Saturday and Sunday of April and the first Saturday and Sunday of May to the last Saturday and Sunday in March and the first Saturday and Sunday in April.
2. THAT the Municipal Clerk be requested to publish notices to this effect at the appropriate time and that the appropriate bylaw amendments be brought forward.
3. THAT Mrs. D. Heys, Secretary of the South Burnaby Garden Club, be given a copy of this report.

REPORT:

Council has received a letter from the South Burnaby Garden Club expressing their concern regarding the lateness of burning dates. They stated that these dates are much too late in the Spring season for gardeners who are preparing the soil for planting in March.

The Engineering Department feels that this is a reasonable request and, as stated later, has no objection to the proposed change.

In addition, the Engineering Department received the following memo from the Director - Fire Services and we quote:

"I am advised by Chief-Fire Operations Brown, there is general dissatisfaction by the public concerning the permissible Spring Outdoor Burning days.

The problem relates to the weekends including the last Saturday and Sunday of April, and the first Saturday & Sunday of May. It being the opinion of many callers these dates are much too late and should be moved forward to the

Last Saturday and Sunday in March, and
First Saturday and Sunday in April.

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In view of the foregoing, may Council be requested to amend the present Spring Outdoor Burning Days."

In 1984 the proposed burning weekends would be as follows:

- 1st burning weekend : Saturday, March 31 - Sunday, April 1
- 2nd burning weekend : Saturday, April 7 - Sunday April 8.

In subsequent years the notice published by the Municipal Clerk will give exact dates and days for Spring burning.

The Engineering Department has no objection to this change and would add that the apparent reason for this request is that some enthusiastic gardeners would like an earlier start for their Spring clean-up and planting program.

Notices to the public would be given through 'Information Burnaby' and appropriate notices published in the press by the Municipal Clerk.



DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

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- cc: () Director - Fire Services
- () Medical Health Officer
- () Service Centre Superintendent
- Municipal Clerk