

RE: LETTER FROM KER, PRIESTMAN AND ASSOCIATES LTD.  
REGARDING WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANS

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 83 07 18  
FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING  
SUBJECT: LETTER FROM KER, PRIESTMAN & ASSOCIATES LTD. REGARDING  
WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANS

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Ker, Priestman & Associates Ltd., 300 - 2659 Douglas Street, Victoria, B.C., V8T 4M3, be given a copy of this report.

REPORT:

With respect to the letter from Ker, Priestman & Associates Ltd. which outlines their expertise in the field of Waste Management, we would advise that as a member Municipality in the Greater Vancouver Regional District we cannot realistically proceed unilaterally with a waste management plan at this time.

On 83 06 22 the Water and Waste Management of the Greater Vancouver Regional District reported as follows:

"The Commissioner reported on the status of the Lower Mainland Waste Management Plan. The Minister of the Environment called a meeting about three months ago of all the Mayors in the Region. A committee, chaired by the Deputy Minister, was formed consisting of several municipal administrators and managers in the Region. That committee is to report back with options for the short term solution to the solid waste problem resulting from the Coquitlam Landfill being required to close this year. Also the committee is to report on the process or procedure to develop a waste management plan for the entire Region. Part of the mandate is to determine what the boundaries may be for such a plan."

The Minister of the Environment acted on the reports which he received by calling a further meeting of elected representatives and others on 83 07 11 and Mayor Lewarne reported the conclusions of the meeting to Municipal Council at its meeting of 83 07 11. Among those conclusions was a definition of the area to be included in the Waste Management Plan and an organization structure for its preparation.

Burnaby, of course, would very much be a part of such a Waste Management Plan.

Inasmuch as the letter from Ker, Priestman & Associates Ltd. touched on the subject of liquid wastes, we have contacted the Chief Public Health Inspector who stated that he and his staff are working in close cooperation with Greater Vancouver Regional District staff to ensure that there is full compliance with all existing and future Provincial Waste Management Regulations.