

ITEM "SUPPLEMENTARY" 8
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 19
COUNCIL MEETING 85/03/11

RE: ILLEGAL DISPOSAL OF INDUSTRIAL WASTE PRODUCTS
MUNICIPALITY OF BURNABY PROPERTY
ADJACENT TO THE BACK PORTION OF 5771 BYRNE ROAD

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. *THAT the recommendation of the Chief Health Inspector be adopted.*

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1985 March 08

FROM: CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

RE: ILLEGAL DISPOSAL OF INDUSTRIAL WASTE PRODUCTS
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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for the information of Council.

R E P O R T

On 1985 February 26, the Manager of an industrial multi-tenant complex, 5771 Byrne Road, reported the illegal dumping of approximately fifty-five 45 gallon drums and a number of 5-gallon pails of what he believed to be a paint and solvent mixture.

Immediate inspection of this site by the Environmental Health Division confirmed illegal dumping of approximately fifty-five 45-gallon drums and a number of 5-gallon pails. The Environmental Health Division staff immediately conducted a survey of the area and determined that the barrels had been at the site for a considerable period of time, that no barrels were actually in the process of leaking, there was no ponding of any industrial waste products, no industrial waste products were being discharged to any nearby watercourses and the location was not accessible by the general public. Taking all of these findings into consideration, the Environmental Health Division did not consider the problem to be an immediate health or environmental hazard.

Environmental Health Division staff could not determine whether the location of the illegal dumping was on the industrial multi-tenant complex property or an unused Municipal road allowance.

On 1985 February 27, the Municipal Engineering Department was requested to conduct a survey of the area and determine whether the illegal dumping site was on private or Municipal property.

On Friday, 1985 March 01, the Municipal Engineering Department advised that the waste barrel site was on Municipal property. The Municipal Engineering Department Superintendent was requested to attend the site and, based upon his observations, was prepared to immediately remove the illegally dumped barrels at the direction of the Environmental Health Division.

On 1985 March 04, the Ministry of Environment, Waste Management Branch, was contacted in order to provide the Environmental Health Division with assistance in identification of the material and a location to which the waste material could be transported for disposal.

On 1985 March 05, the Ministry of Environment staff attended the site and declared an environmental emergency under authority of the Provincial Waste Management Act. The Ministry of Environment declared an environmental emergency in order to acquire authority for use of Provincial funds for waste material sampling and identification, use of Municipal equipment and labour for cleanup of the site and transportation of the wastes for approved disposal. In addition the declaration of the environmental emergency was necessary in order to allow the Ministry to proceed with recovery of costs should the responsible person be identified.

The Conservation Officer Service of the Ministry of Environment has started an investigation to determine the person responsible for the dumping.

To date, the illegally deposited barrels and numerous 5-gallon pails have been relocated approximately 50 feet to a site on private property, which has been lined with plastic and surrounded by an earth berm. The use of this private property was with the consent of the owner.

We have arranged security of this site with the owner, R.C.M.P. and Burnaby Parks Security Patrol to the satisfaction of Ministry of Environment officials. We are at this time awaiting direction from Ministry of Environment officials as to the location of the site for proper disposal of this material.

Preliminary laboratory findings have confirmed that the materials appeared to be similar to those expected from industrial use of paint products.

We would emphasize that the location of the waste materials is, at this time, not a health or environmental hazard and is secured from public access.

All Municipal costs associated with the cleanup of the illegally dumped waste products will be forwarded to the Provincial Government for recovery.



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CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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cc: Director Administrative & Community Services
Medical Health Officer
Director Engineering
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