

RE: LETTER FROM B & D ALDER WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE  
1985 SEPTEMBER 30 MEETING OF COUNCIL (Item 5 f)  
AIR POLLUTION FROM INDOOR RESIDENTIAL WOOD BURNING

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1985 OCTOBER 2  
FROM: CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR  
RE: AIR POLLUTION FROM INDOOR RESIDENTIAL WOOD BURNING

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to Mr. and Mrs. D. Alder, 5614 Sardis Crescent, Burnaby, B.C., V5H 3K3.

R E P O R T

Appearing on the 1985 September 30 agenda was a letter from Mr. and Mrs. D. Alder, 5614 Sardis Crescent, Burnaby, regarding air pollution from indoor residential wood burning. The correspondence requested Council and the G.V.R.D. Air Quality Division to consider adopting specific nuisance bylaws dealing with excessive smoke from residential indoor wood burning.

The Environmental Health Division receives only two to three complaints a year regarding excessive chimney smoke from residential fireplaces. The usual cause of the complaint is either a person burning garbage or allowing an air-tight fireplace to burn inefficiently, creating continuous chimney smoking.

The Alders did refer a complaint to the Environmental Health Division regarding a neighbour causing a nuisance due to excessive chimney smoke in 1985 February. The District Public Health Inspector served notice, under authority of the Provincial Health Act and Burnaby Health Bylaw to the responsible neighbour, who was permitting excessive chimney smoke due to inefficient burning of his air-tight fireplace. We did not receive any further complaints from the Alders regarding excessive smoke from this neighbour's chimney.

To date, we have been successful in controlling the two to three complaints a year on excessive chimney smoke with legislation under the Provincial Health Act and Burnaby Health Bylaw. At this time, we cannot support the recommendation of the Alders to draft additional legislation to control excessive smoke from residential indoor wood burning.

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CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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cc: Director Administrative and Community Services  
Medical Health Officer