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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	11
COUNCIL MEETING	87/02/16

RE: PROPOSED RENEWAL OF SIREN AGREEMENTS
MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the four subject siren agreements be executed on behalf of the Municipality.

REPORT

The Department of National Defence (DOD) has taken the position that the attack warning system that is in place across Canada is required for national security and the Municipality is, therefore, on occasion requested to approve the extension of siren agreements as they come up for renewal.

We have now received a request from the DOD for renewal of agreements which would allow four attack warning sirens to be retained in their existing locations in Burnaby for an additional five year period. The four sirens are on public property in a) a lane west of Esmond Avenue south of McGill Street, b) in a lane off Willingdon between Lougheed and Buchanan Street, c) in a lane east off Dufferin Street north of Kingsway and d) in a lane off Union Street east of Duthie Avenue. The Engineering and Planning & Building Inspection Departments have no objection to the proposed renewal of the agreements as requested by the DOD.

For Council's information, twenty-eight sirens are strategically located in Burnaby: the DOD has entered into eighteen agreements with the Municipality, nine with School District and one with the BC Telephone Company.

The Municipality incurs no cost whatsoever in regard to the sirens. They are regularly maintained by the Federal Government and it is only on the rarest of occasions that they have been known to accidentally go off (it can be recalled that this has happened only a few times in the last sixteen years). However, should a malfunction occur, a telephone call to either the BC Telephone Company or the Maritime Forces Pacific (MARPAF) Operations Duty Officer in Esquimalt would generate a prompt response and immediate corrective action.

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