

ITEM 8
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 78
COUNCIL MEETING 89/11/27

RE: LETTER FROM THE RECYCLING COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA WHICH APPEARED ON
THE AGENDA FOR THE NOVEMBER 06TH MEETING OF COUNCIL, (CORRESP. ITEM 10)
RESOURCE CENTRE FOR RECYCLING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Director Planning & Building Inspection be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1989 NOVEMBER 22

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING &
BUILDING INSPECTION

SUBJECT: RESOURCE CENTRE FOR RECYCLING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

PURPOSE: To respond to the Recycling Council of British Columbia's request to lease a municipally-owned building for a Resource Centre to provide recycling information services.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. Dick McCarthy, President, Recycling Council of British Columbia, 2150 Maple Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6J 3T3.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

At its meeting on 1989 November 06, Council received a request from the Recycling Council of British Columbia (RCBC) to locate a suitable, municipally-owned building on a long term, low cost, lease basis for a Resource Centre.

The Resource Centre would offer practical information and displays to the public, organizations, schools, industry and government on environmental and waste management practices. It would include the following:

- . an extensive library and resource centre
- . demonstration centres and workshops for waste reduction, re-use, recycling and backyard composting
- . a central office for RCBC and other related organizations
- . a possible future training centre for professionals.

RCBC is hoping to secure a building by the end of November in order to access funding from the Environmental Partners Fund. As well, it must move from its small rent-free office in Vancouver within a few months.

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2.0 BUILDING REQUIREMENTS

RCBC would like to locate its Resource Centre in Vancouver or Burnaby due to their central location and recent commitments to environmental waste management practices. It envisions the centre in an older two or three storey, heritage-type building with the following specifications:

- . 6000 sq. ft. building to share with related organizations (could be as small as 2000 - 3000 sq. ft. if not shared)
- . yard and garden area for displays and demonstrations
- . access to public transit and ample parking

Ideally, it would like refurbish an older building in return for rent-free space.

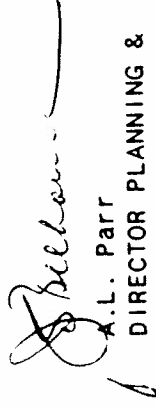
3.0 BURNABY LOCATION

A review of the Municipality's inventory of properties (including heritage buildings) has indicated that there are no suitable buildings at this time which meet RCBC's specifications.

It is recognized that this proposed resource centre would make an important contribution in educating the public about waste management practices. Staff have been informed that The City of Vancouver is presently looking at its inventory of properties.

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cc: Director Finance
Director Engineering


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