

6. That, upon the Board's endorsement of the preceding recommendations, the information be communicated to all municipalities and other regional districts." 115

In addition to receiving the preceding correspondence on 1988 12 12 Council also received further information through Item 29, Manager's Report No. 77 on the preliminary steps being taken to implement the recommendations of the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Study as contained in the Executive Summary report.

Prior to receiving the above mentioned information Council had earlier inquired about what measures Burnaby could take to reduce the level of dangerous goods being transported in Burnaby. Staff were unable to report at that time for several reasons. Firstly, because the scope of the recommendations of the Study were not yet known. Secondly, Burnaby has little, if any, jurisdiction over what goods are transported through the Municipality over Provincial highways and along railways falling under direct control of the Government of Canada and Province of B.C. and thirdly, if such jurisdiction were available to Burnaby and considering Burnaby's strategic location in the urban community, the Municipality could not realistically take unilateral action on restricting or reducing the transport of goods through Burnaby without seriously impacting its urban neighbors.

In recognition of the complexity of the matter and difficulties associated with the number of jurisdictions directly involved in the greater Vancouver area, the Task Force's primary recommendations (#1 and #2) are for the establishment of an Advisory Council and a Planning Review Council both of which would be comprised of members from three governmental levels which could more effectively deal with the broad and complex spectrum of dangerous goods transport in this urban area.

CURRENT STATUS:

At its final meeting on 1989 January 17, the Task Force on the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Study advanced the implementation of the Study's recommendations by selecting Mr. Michael O'Connor, Manager, GVRD, to be Chairman of the Tri-level Advisory Council. The other representatives from the Federal and Provincial governments, as yet, have not been identified.


Burnaby staff have been advised that other representations will involve observers, participants and a number of individuals to comprise "working committees".

Further, GVRD staff are preparing a draft of "Terms of Reference" for review by the Advisory Council which will have its initial meeting in mid February. It is anticipated that the draft "Terms of Reference" will also be circulated to the Regional Administrative Advisory Committee (RAAC), a Standing Committee of Municipal Managers.

DISCUSSION:

At this early stage in the process of implementing the recommendations of the Study it is not known as to how the tri-level Committee will deal with the many issues involved in order to reduce the risk of an accident situation which could endanger the public, and the environment.

It is clearly an undertaking which will require the involvement and cooperation between all Regional District municipalities, the two senior levels of government and the private industry sector, and support for the work of the Tri-level Advisory Council should be provided by Burnaby during the implementation process.


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