

ITEM 3  
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 70  
COUNCIL MEETING 89/10/30

RE: INFORMATION ON PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS FOR THE STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF SPECIAL WASTES

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1989 OCTOBER 24

FROM: CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

SUBJECT: INFORMATION ON PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS FOR THE STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF SPECIAL WASTES

PURPOSE: TO RESPOND TO A REQUEST FROM COUNCIL FOR INFORMATION ON THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAMS FOR STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF SPECIAL WASTES

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Honorable W.N. Vander Zalm, Premier of the Province, be requested to provide information on the intention of the Government to enact necessary legislation and establish facilities to store, dispose and recycle hazardous special wastes.

REPORT

During the 1989 October 10 meeting of Municipal Council, staff were requested to provide information on the status of the Provincial Government programs for storage and disposal of hazardous special wastes.

On 1989 October 12, Environmental Health Division staff contacted officials of the Provincial Ministry of Environment, Waste Management Branch and received the following information.

The Ministry of Environment has recently made a submission to the Provincial Cabinet on the subject of storage and disposal of special wastes. According to Ministry officials, the Cabinet is considering structuring a Crown Corporation to review the issue of special waste storage, disposal and recycling.

Environmental Health Division staff requested a copy of the Minister of the Environment's submission to Cabinet but were denied.

At the request of the Provincial Ministry of Environment, Environmental Health Division staff attended a 1989 October 23 meeting regarding household hazardous waste management.

The Ministry of Environment officials indicated at the onset of the meeting that they do not have a prepared plan on the subject and the purpose of the meeting is to listen to concerns from the Lower Mainland Cities and Municipalities. Officials did state that there was six million dollars approved for "seed money" for development of Household Hazardous Waste Management and Collection programs.

Attending Municipal and City staff at the meeting raised questions regarding legislation, financing and liability.

The meeting concluded without answers to these questions nor a further meeting date.

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It is recommended that Municipal Council formally request the Premier of the Province to provide information on the Government's intention to enact legislation and establish facilities to store, dispose and recycle hazardous special wastes.

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