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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 19  
COUNCIL MEETING 90/03/12

RE: NEWSPAPER CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Director Engineering be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1990 MARCH 08  
FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING  
SUBJECT: NEWSPAPER CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM

PURPOSE: To respond to a request from the Boy Scouts of Canada for a financial contribution for newspaper collected.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to the Boy Scouts of Canada, Burnaby South West District.

REPORT

Appearing elsewhere on this agenda is a letter from the Boy Scouts of Canada, Burnaby South West District, seeking financial remuneration for any newspaper which they may collect.

The Municipality has entered into a contract with the Fraser Valley Community Recycling Society (FVCRS) for newspaper curbside collection. The terms of the contract provide for payment of \$30/tonne for each tonne collected. The Municipality entered into this contract after a competitive tendering process. The Municipality does not mandate that residents put out their old newspaper for pick-up by our contractor. Residents have the full right to provide their old newspapers to any organization including the Boy Scouts.

The letter from the Boy Scouts seeks a financial commitment from the Municipality in the amount of \$15-20/tonne ie. less than the amount paid to FVCRS. The contract which the Municipality signed with FVCRS included the provision:

"Exclusive Franchise

During the term of this agreement the Municipality will not enter into any other agreement(s) for curbside newspaper collection nor will they permit any other agency to pick up newspaper left at the curbside."

This clause provides assurance to the contractor of some consistency in the volume of newspaper to be picked up and recognizes the capital and operating funding to which the contractor made commitment at time of tendering. If the Municipality were to enter into a separate financial agreement with the Boy Scouts or any other party, the FVCRS may have grounds to claim a breach of contract.

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While staff is sympathetic to the recycling objectives of the Boy Scouts we are not in a position to support the Boy Scouts over any other charitable organization seeking financial support from the Municipality.

In some ways, the request from the Boy Scouts could be considered as a grant application. In this regard, Council at its meeting of 1990 March 05 awarded a grant in the amount of \$2,625 to the Boy Scouts of Canada, Burnaby Region.

  
DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

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