

ITEM 14
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 19
COUNCIL MEETING 90/03/12

RE: FIREFIGHTING CAPABILITIES - PORT AREAS

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1990 MARCH 07

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING &
BUILDING INSPECTION

SUBJECT: FIREFIGHTING CAPABILITIES - PORT AREAS

PURPOSE: To inform Council of the process being followed in addressing firefighting capabilities in the G.V.R.D. port areas.

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.

R E P O R T

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Municipal Council, in considering the Provincial Government's discussion paper on a Ports Policy for British Columbia, requested a report on firefighting capabilities in the Greater Vancouver Regional District specifically with reference to the port areas. This report outlines the process that is being followed to address Council's request.

2.0 THE PROCESS

Since the consideration of that report, the Vancouver Port Corporation has formed a liaison committee with those municipalities with Vancouver Port facilities within their boundaries. Burnaby is represented by the Mayor and the Director Planning & Building Inspection on the committee. At the first meeting of the committee, a number of specific items were discussed. Fire protection was raised as a key issue at that time.

From this initial meeting it was recognized that a process to improve the working relationship between the port and the municipalities and to jointly develop and pursue a strategy for sustainable port and port related development was necessary. The Mayors of the affected Municipalities have met subsequently and developed an approach to address these goals. Burnaby has requested that fire protection services as related to port requirements should be developed on a priority basis. This issue together with a number of other key issues raised by Burnaby has been jointly submitted to the Port of Vancouver by the Municipalities.

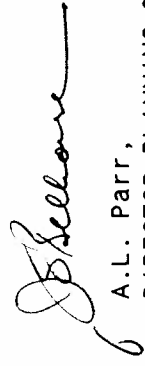
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Burnaby has also corresponded directly with the Port Corporation outlining key issues relating to port planning and development from Burnaby's viewpoint. This has included the importance of considering fire protection from a regional perspective.

3.0 CONCLUSION

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It is the view of staff that fire protection services in port areas (Port of Vancouver and North Fraser Harbour Commission) should be considered from a regional perspective. As such, the approach outlined above would provide the best forum in addressing firefighting capabilities in the port areas. Council will be kept apprised of any further developments in the port planning process as well as progress in addressing the G.V.R.D. port firefighting issue.



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