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REPORT
Regular Council Meeting
1990 November 26

**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY
ENVIRONMENT AND WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND ALDERMEN**

RE: COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS FOR BURNABY'S STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT REPORT

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT Council receive this report for information.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

At the regular Council Meeting of 1990 September 04, Council received a report outlining the process for completing Phase I of Burnaby's State of the Environment Report (SOER) from the Environment and Waste Management Committee. Phase I focuses on identifying environmental issues and concerns in Burnaby through community workshops and a municipal environmental overview.

This report provides Council with an update on the progress of Phase I of the SOER.

2.0 SOER COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Community workshops were held on 1990 October 10, 16 and 27. A total of 56 people (40 community members; 16 aldermen, committee members and staff) participated in the workshops. Participants included interested citizens and representatives from industry, business, community groups, service clubs, and educational institutions. Several written submissions were also received from workshop participants and individuals who were unable to attend the workshops.

The workshops were conducted as brainstorming sessions that encouraged people to identify any environmental issues and/or concerns they might have. Each workshop generated a list of fifty to eighty specific issues. These issues fall into 15 general categories which are listed here (not in priority order):

1. Municipal Growth Management and Limits
2. Education/Communication/Information/Community Involvement
3. Liquid/Solid/Toxic/Gaseous Waste Management
4. Regional/Provincial/Federal Environmental Planning and Growth Strategies
5. Air Quality
6. Water Quality
7. Conservancy/Open Space
8. Ecologically Sustainable Development

9. Administrative/Implementation Mechanisms
10. Lifestyle
11. Transportation
12. Urban Design
13. Risk Management
14. Movement/Location of Hazardous Goods
15. Technology and Research

Transcripts of the workshops are being prepared for distribution to workshop participants, alderman, staff and other interested parties. The transcripts consist of complete lists of environmental issues and concerns identified in each workshop, lists of the general issue categories into which the issues fall, summary notes from workshop discussions, and lists of workshop participants. Copies of the transcripts will be available from the Planning and Building Inspection Department by the end of November.

3.0 ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW OF MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS

The identification of environmental issues and concerns related to Municipal operations is being undertaken through a questionnaire which is proposed to be distributed to all Municipal employees as an enclosure with pay cheques. The questionnaire invites employees to identify any environmental issues or concerns they may have with respect to their day-to-day work responsibilities, the activities undertaken by their department or division, or any other Municipal operations. Employees may also suggest improvements in any of these areas.

Space will be provided on the questionnaire for employees to indicate their interest in participating in a municipal staff workshop on environmental issues.

4.0 PHASE I REPORT

The Phase I report will document the environmental issues and concerns identified through the community workshops and the questionnaire for municipal employees. The Phase I report will be the foundation for Phases II and III.

The detailed process to be followed during Phases II and III will be developed by the Environment and Waste Management Committee and a report on this process forwarded to Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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