

ITEM 1
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 7
COUNCIL MEETING 90/01/29

RE: PROPOSED PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION BYLAW
REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1990 JANUARY 23
FROM: CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
SUBJECT: PROPOSED PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION BYLAW
REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
PURPOSE: TO PROVIDE COUNCIL WITH INFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO
QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PROPOSED BYLAW

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND:

During the regular Council Meeting held on 1989 December 18, Council received a report regarding a Proposed Pesticide Notification Bylaw. Council tabled this report pending receipt of further information regarding the time frame for notification prior to the application of pesticides and legislating applicators to file with the Environmental Health Division information detailing areas intended to be treated with pesticides.

In response to the request from Council, staff have discussed these items with other Environmental Health Departments in the lower mainland that enforce Pesticide Notification Bylaws and would forward the following information.

2.0 TIME REQUIRED FOR NOTIFICATION TO THE PUBLIC:

The 72-hour notice pre and post application time limit currently recommended for a Burnaby Pesticide Notification Bylaw is identical to requirements in other lower mainland cities and municipalities. It is the opinion of this Division and those Health Professions enforcing similar bylaws, that the 72-hour notice prior to applying pesticides allows for adequate time for concerned individuals to make alternate plans or contact property managers to discuss the necessity for pesticide treatment. A longer pre and post application notification period could increase the potential for signs being lost or damaged.

The 72-hour post application notification is also sufficient for the indoor environment as any residues of the pesticides would be expected to be completely dried thus reducing the potential of inadvertent contact with treated areas.

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3.0 REQUIRING PESTICIDE APPLICATORS TO FILE WITH THE MUNICIPALITY
INFORMATION DETAILING AREAS INTENDED TO BE TREATED WITH PESTICIDES:

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Staff have also discussed with the other Environmental Health Departments enforcing Pesticide Notification Bylaws the need for a bylaw requirement to have Licensed Pesticide Applicators file with our office information on areas that are posted for notification of pesticide treatment.

The experience of those Environmental Health Departments currently enforcing Pesticide Notification Bylaws is that the Pest Control Industry has complied with the notification requirements and an additional legal requirement to file information on posted areas is not a necessity at this time. In addition, our staff time required to review and inspect each intended application of pesticides is not available.

The Environmental Health Division is recommending to Council to not include in a Pesticide Notification Bylaw the requirement for Licensed Pesticide Applicators to file with this office information detailing areas included to be treated with pesticides.

Should Council adopt the recommendation for a Pesticide Notification Bylaw, the Environmental Health Division will monitor the effectiveness of the bylaw and report to Council on any areas that require strengthening.

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