

RE: LETTER FROM GREATER VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
4330 KINGSWAY, BURNABY, B.C., V5H 4G8
REGIONAL RECYCLING ACTION PLAN

ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1990 APRIL 25
FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING
SUBJECT: REGIONAL RECYCLING ACTION PLAN
PURPOSE: To seek Council approval to endorse the Resolutions of
the G.V.R.D. Administration Board.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council endorse the Resolutions of the G.V.R.D. Administration Board as outlined below in this report.
2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to the G.V.R.D. Administration Board.

REPORT

In a letter from the G.V.R.D. Regional Manager which appears in the Correspondence and Petitions section of the agenda for the Regular Council meeting 1990 April 30, Council is requested to endorse the following policies approved by the G.V.R.D. Administration Board at its meeting on 1990 March 28:

1. "That the Board endorse, in principle, a policy that recycled newspaper generated in the Region be directed to a local remanufacturer subject to a fair market price and successful completion of an adequate environmental impact assessment and public review process, and further that all member municipal councils endorse this policy."
2. "Given the consensus reached at the Solid Waste Policy Planning Workshop and to allow the District to advertise a tender for regional processing and marketing of recycled materials, that the Board approve, in principle, a policy that all recycled materials collected by member municipalities be delivered to the District for processing and marketing as existing contracts allow and that all member municipal councils endorse this policy."

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With reference to Resolution No. 1, staff would recommend the endorsement provided that the newsprint is marketed through the G.V.R.D. Processing and Marketing facility. The request for proposals for the G.V.R.D. facility is in its final stages and G.V.R.D. staff have assured us that collected newsprint will be processed and marketed by this facility before proceeding to a local manufacturer. In 1990 February, Council adopted a motion regarding the enactment of appropriate legislation and/or policies to encourage the use of recycled materials. Resolution No. 1 is a step towards achieving this goal and consequently staff would support endorsement of this Resolution No. 1 given the provisos of price and environmental aspects as stipulated in the Resolution.

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With reference to resolution No. 2 we have no hesitation in recommending the endorsement. The Municipality of Burnaby has consistently maintained that the processing and marketing of recyclables should be centrally administered through the G.V.R.D. This was strongly emphasized in a report to Council from the Environment and Waste Management Committee which was approved by Council at its regular Council meeting on 1989 October 30.

SUMMARY

Your Director Engineering recommends the endorsement of the two resolutions listed above. Resolution No. 1 is recommended for endorsement with the proviso as stated above and the endorsement of Resolution No. 2 is recommended with no reservation.


DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

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