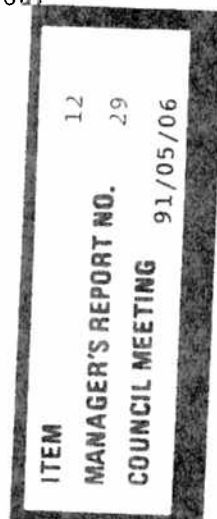


Comments from the Municipal Manager

On 1991 February 18, Council authorized Superintendent B.A. Beaudreau to attend the Disaster Management Conference which was to be held in Hamilton, Ontario on 1991 April 16-19. In compliance with Council's request, following is a report from the Superintendent that describes his attendance at the conference. Superintendent Beaudreau advises the conference was extremely informative, and that the valuable information which he acquired as a result of his attendance at the conference would be of considerable benefit to our Municipality should we ever experience, and have to respond to, a major emergency in the future.

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 91-04-30
FROM: OFFICER IN CHARGE BURNABY DETACHMENT RCMP
SUBJECT: DISASTER MANAGEMENT - NATIONAL CONFERENCE
PURPOSE: To report to Council on the National Conference on Disaster Management, Hamilton, Ontario, 91-04-16/19



RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received by Council for information purposes.

REPORT

I attended all sessions of the 2nd National Conference On Disaster Management. The conference program dealt with the following issues/incidents.

1. Seminar - Critical Incident Stress
2. Public Safety
3. Hagersville Tire File
4. Media & Disasters
5. Sioux City Air Crash
6. Disaster Planning
7. Hurricane Hugo
8. Forensic Medical/Dental Identification
9. Hillsborough Soccer Deaths
10. Military Aid
11. San Francisco Earthquake
12. Lockerbie Air Crash
13. Conflicts in Disaster Management
14. Exxon Valdez Oil Spill
15. Montreal University Massacre

Each of the incidents listed were recent and very relevant. In each case the speaker was personally involved in the tragedy and used excellent visual/audio aids. Several of the topics were dealt with under separate tracks, for example: the Sioux City Air Crash had 3 tracks (a) site (b) medical (c) coordination. I attended the main lecture as well as the coordination side track.

Each incident was described in detail from beginning to end. Problems encountered, mistakes made and different approaches that could/would be used, were discussed. I was impressed with the critical self-examination of the speakers, particularly, from England - Hillsborough Soccer Deaths, from Scotland - the Lockerbie Air Crash, and the U.S.A. - Sioux City Air Crash. I gained a lot of detailed police disaster management knowledge and information.

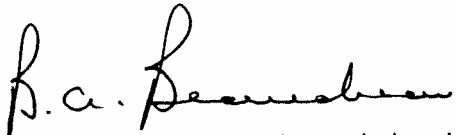
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Of particular interest to Burnaby, in the exhibit area, was the demonstration and display of two different command vehicles and a computer software package which would be useful to the police and fire departments on a day-to-day basis and to the municipality in the event of a disaster. Details and photographs have been forwarded to Mr. Plesha, Burnaby Emergency Program Coordinator.

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Apart from learning from each disaster described there were three main issues that developed from each incident.

1. Ensure the municipality has an up-to-date emergency plan.
2. The emergency plan is exercised regularly.
3. Ensure a plan is in place to conduct stress debriefings of all municipal employees involved in a disaster response.



B.A. Beaudreau, Superintendent
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Burnaby Detachment RCMP