

ITEM
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 13
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COUNCIL MEETING 92/06/04

TO: ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER MAY 28, 1992

FROM: ACTING CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

SUBJECT: SALMONID ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME - EAGLE CREEK

PURPOSE: TO INFORM L'ECOLE SPERLING SCHOOL GRADE 2 STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE SALMONID ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME AND RELEASED THEIR FRY INTO EAGLE CREEK, ON BURNABY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES RESPONSE.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Matthew, Kevin, Ryan, Brighdie, John, Jordan, Maxwell, Jaclyn, Brian, Carlee, Meili, Leland, Regina, Andrea, Kaito, Chanel, Eugene, Erin, Alex, Dana, and Bradley of the L'Ecole Sperling School, Grade 2 class, Division 2 and Yvonne Gaetz, Grade 2 teacher at 2200 Sperling Avenue, Burnaby, B.C., V5B 4K7.

REPORT

At the regular Council Meeting held on May 04, 1992 Council received several letters from students at L'Ecole Sperling School who participated in the Salmonid Enhancement Programme and released their fry into Eagle Creek. At the time of the fry release, students noted gasoline and other forms of pollution in Eagle Creek.

Soon after getting the call from L'Ecole Sperling School on April 16, 1992 staff from Environmental Health Services went to Warner Loat to check out the problem. But because it rained so hard there was a lot more water in the creek and washed all the gasoline away. It is very important to report spills that are poisonous to fish and other wildlife as soon as possible so the pollution can be stopped.

Eagle Creek runs from Burnaby Mountain, close to Simon Fraser University and into Burnaby Lake. Along its route, many drains and small creeks run into Eagle Creek. All these drains and creeks carry with them the possibility of adding pollution to Eagle Creek. Many people in Burnaby are not aware of, or do not care about where the drains outside on the streets go to. People often get rid of gasoline, waste oil, paint and other poisons by pouring them into street drains. These storm drains carry rain water and pollution to our creeks and lakes.

Burnaby Environmental Health Services sample and monitor all the creeks and lakes in Burnaby on an ongoing basis. But staff cannot always be on the site to watch for poisons that are put into the creeks and lakes. Help from people who live in Burnaby and students at your school are necessary to help cut down the illegal poison that is being thrown away and end up in our creeks and lakes.

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To make it easier for people in Burnaby to tell Burnaby Environmental Health staff about poison in our creeks and lakes, a total of 32 signs will be put up along eight different creeks and lakes in Burnaby with the name of the creek or lake and a 24-hour emergency phone number. 150

Should in the future, any gasoline spills or other pollution be noticed in any of the creeks or lakes, please call Burnaby Environmental Health Services at 294-7390 for 24-hour response.

Thanks for caring and informing us. Your interest in the environment will keep Burnaby beautiful.



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