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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 52
COUNCIL MEETING 92/08/10
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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER DATE: 1992 AUGUST 06

FROM: DIRECTOR RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: MAINTENANCE OF RAVINE LANDS

PURPOSE: To inform Council of our ravine maintenance program.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.

REPORT

At the meeting of 1992 June 29, Municipal Council enquired as to our ravine maintenance program. A concern was expressed that larger old logs which should be left on the forest floor for wildlife habitat will be cut up and removed.

At its meeting of 1992 August 05, the Parks & Recreation Commission received a staff report on the maintenance procedure for ravines. The report advised that once a year the ravines and creek beds received a minimal clean-up. Garbage, debris and dead branches are removed from the creek beds and disposed of. Dead or unsafe trees in the ravines, but not in the creek beds, are cut down and left on the forest floor. Occasionally dead, diseased or unsafe trees along the top of a ravine adjacent to residential areas and roads are cut and removed from the area.

If the dry branches are left on the ravine edge, they become a fire hazard and encourage or invite other unwanted dumping along the edges of the undeveloped parklands throughout the municipality. Staff are instructed and encouraged to keep the ravines and undeveloped parkland natural and undertake the minimal amount of maintenance necessary to keep them safe.

The Commission adopted the following recommendation of the report:

"THAT a copy of this report be sent to Municipal Council for information purposes."

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