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REPORT
Regular Council Meeting
1992 April 06

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY
ENVIRONMENT AND WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND ALDERMEN

SUBJECT: STATE OF ENVIRONMENT REPORT (SOER) FOR BURNABY

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT copies of the Phase II report be distributed to all individuals who attended Phase I community workshops and other interested parties.
2. THAT Council approve the process for completing Phase III of the SOER as outlined in this report.

REPORT

1. BACKGROUND

Burnaby Municipal Council approved the undertaking of a State of the Environment Report (SOER) for Burnaby in 1990. The three phase process for undertaking the SOER is shown in Figure 1 (attached). The purpose of the SOER is to provide a comprehensive framework for identifying and addressing environmental concerns in the municipality. The Environment and Waste Management Committee was given the responsibility for preparing the SOER.

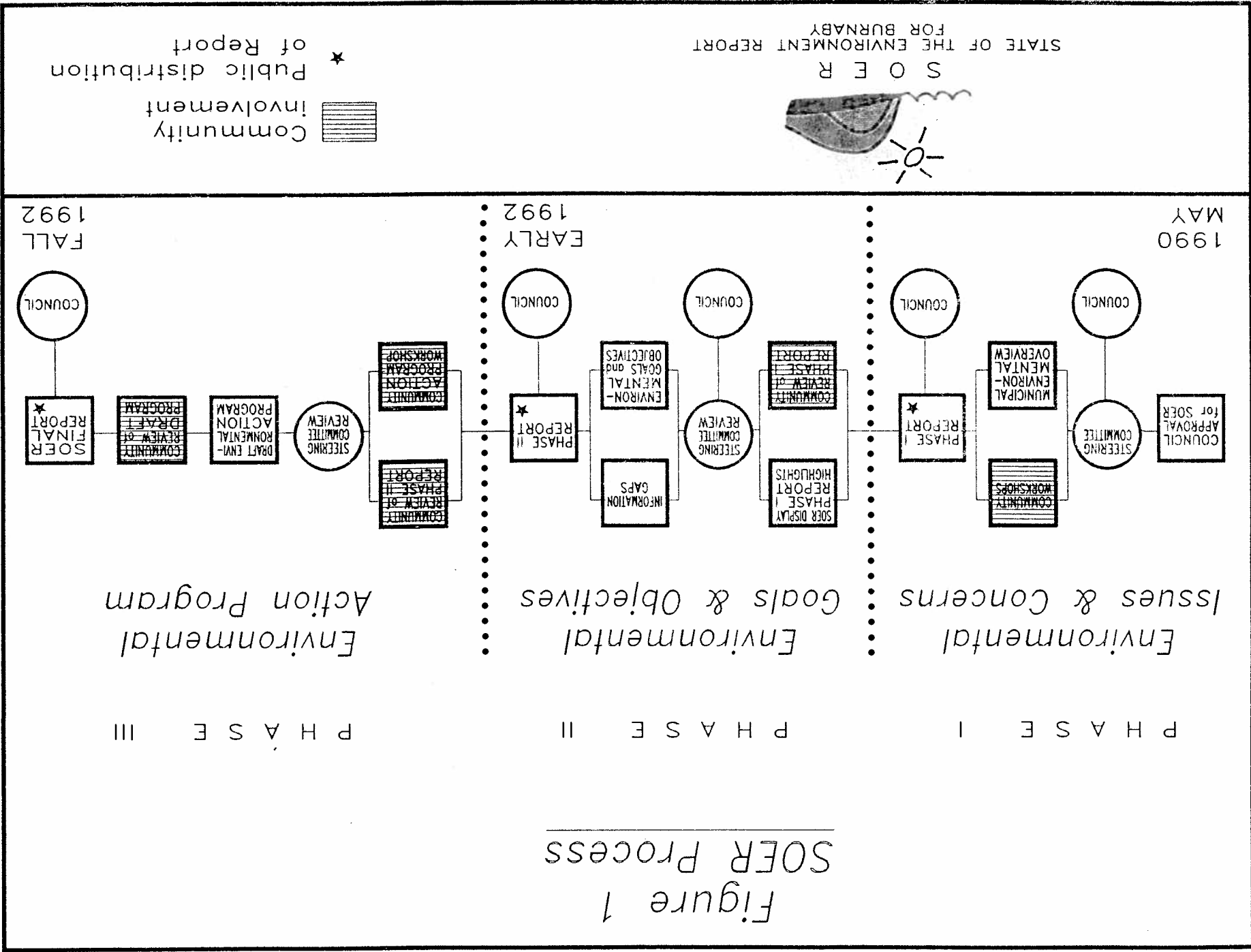
Phase I of the SOER which focused on the identification of environmental issues and concerns through public workshops was completed in 1991. At the conclusion of this phase, Council and the Environment and Waste Management Committee approved a process for completing Phase II, Environmental Goals and Objectives, of the SOER. As indicated at that time a "core working group" consisting of the Environment and Waste Management Committee's citizen representatives, staff and the Chair were to hold a series of working meetings to develop environmental goals and objectives to respond to environmental issues and concerns identified through the community workshops during Phase I and by the "core working group". The Phase II report "Environmental Goals and Objectives - State of the Environment Report" is now complete. Because of the volume of the report, it has not been reproduced with the Council agenda. Copies of the report have been provided to Council under separate cover. Members of the public can obtain copies of the report from the Municipal Clerk or the Planning Department. Copies can also be reviewed in all Burnaby library branches.

The purpose of this report is to present the draft Phase II report, Environmental Goals and Objectives - State of the Environment Report, to Council and outline a process for completing Phase III, Environmental Action Program.

2. COMPLETION OF PHASE II - ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Phase II report summarizes the issues and concerns identified during Phase I, outlines various initiatives undertaken by Burnaby and other agencies to address these concerns, and presents environmental goals and objectives. The Phase II report provides the background and framework for developing the Environmental Action Program in Phase III of the SOER.

Figure 1
SOER Process



Subject to Council approval, the Phase II report will be distributed to participants in the Phase I community workshops, interested members of the public and other agencies to encourage community-wide discussion of the draft environmental goals and objectives and to assist in developing the environmental action plan.

3. PHASE III - ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PROGRAM

Phase III focuses on developing an Environmental Action Program for Burnaby. The Environmental Action Program will outline specific steps to be taken to ensure that the environmental goals and objectives developed during Phase II are met. Developing the environmental action program will involve identifying tasks and actions to be undertaken, establishing specific environmental standards to be met, setting target dates, and estimating costs.

Community Workshops

For developing the environmental action program, the Environment and Waste Management Committee has approved a workshop-type process involving interested members of the community, the "core working group", Council members and municipal staff. Five workshops focusing on (a) environmental quality, (b) municipal operations, (c) growth management and land use planning, and (d) stewardship are proposed. The Phase II report will provide the framework and background for the Environmental Action Program. Municipal staff and members of the "core working group" will act as resource people for the workshops.

Arrangements have been made to hold the community workshops in the meeting room of the Bob Prittie Metrotown Library. The schedule is as follows:

| <u>Workshop</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> |
|---|-------------------|-------------|
| 1. Environmental Quality - Air quality - Water quality | Wednesday 6 May | 6-9 p.m. |
| 2. Environmental Quality - Waste management - Risk management | Tuesday 26 May | 6-9 p.m. |
| 3. Municipal Operations - Goods and Services - Physical Plant/Building facilities/Vehicle fleet - Municipal Works | Thursday 4 June | 6-9 p.m. |
| 4. Growth Management and Land Use Planning - Growth Management - Conservation and Protection of Green Space - Transportation | Wednesday 10 June | 6-9 p.m. |
| 5. Stewardship | Thursday 11 June | 6-9 p.m. |

Distribution of Phase II Report

Copies of the Phase II report, "Environmental Goals and Objectives - State of the Environment Report", will be mailed to all individuals who participated in the Phase I workshops. As discussed previously, copies of the report will also be available through the Municipal Clerk and the Planning Department. Information on how to participate in the Phase III community workshops or comment on the report will be included with the report.

Newspaper advertisements will be placed in Burnaby's community newspapers to advise residents of the Phase III community workshops. In addition, staff intend to distribute information about the SOER and Phase III workshops through the Information kiosk at Metrotown Centre from 1992 April 13-16.

Environmental Code of Ethics

As part of the fifth workshop on stewardship, an environmental code of ethics that will provide the philosophical basis for Burnaby's SOER will be discussed. To support this discussion, a review of codes that have been adopted by other agencies and organizations will be prepared for the workshop.

4. SUMMARY

The Environment and Waste Management Committee is enthusiastic about community response to the SOER process to date and looks forward to continued contributions from the community for the completion of the SOER. The Committee will report to Council at the conclusion of Phase III.

Respectfully submitted,

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