

ITEM 1  
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 56  
COUNCIL MEETING 92/09/08

**TO:** MUNICIPAL MANAGER  
**FROM:** DIRECTOR ENGINEERING  
**DATE:** 1992 09 01  
**FILE:** 42-01-08

**SUBJECT:** RELAXATION OF SPRINKLING BAN

**PURPOSE:** To obtain Council authority for staff to relax the sprinkling ban and to work with the Water District towards the complete removal of the ban.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT Council endorse the initiative approved by Mayor Copeland to relax the sprinkling ban and to work with the Water District towards the ultimate removal of the ban.

**REPORT**

**INTRODUCTION**

Council, at its 1992 June 29 meeting, received a staff report on the water shortage problem and subsequently adopted a recommendation to impose a complete ban on lawn sprinkling. Since the imposition of the ban, staff have been maintaining weekly contact with the GVWD on the regional water supply issue.

**CURRENT SITUATION**

In the latest correspondence received 1992 August 26 from the Water District, it was indicated that water storage volumes at the reservoirs have reached the level to permit a phased return to normal water consumption without falling below critical levels.

The Water District is now prepared to relax the sprinkling ban to permit limited lawn sprinkling within the Greater Vancouver region in accordance with the following schedule:

Even Numbers House Address	-	Sprinkling allowed Saturday and Wednesday
Odd Numbers House Address	-	Sprinkling allowed Sunday and Thursday
Sprinkling Hours	-	8:00am - 10:00am 8:00pm - 10:00pm

The proposed schedule would take advantage of the average lower weekend consumption to avoid excessive peak demands. The restricted sprinkling would also allow the Water District and its member municipalities to respond and make the necessary adjustments should the demand soar above the allowable consumption rates.

The Water District will effect the new regulations on 1992 September 05 to permit sprinkling commencing the Labour Day weekend. To respond to the regional plan which will come into effect before the next scheduled Council meeting of 1992 September 08, Mayor Copeland has directed staff to work with the District on the implementation of the plan. Council's endorsement of the Mayor's direction is required to confirm the sprinkling relaxation plan and to authorize staff to work with the District towards the ultimate removal of the ban.

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DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

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