

**TO:** CITY MANAGER

**DATE:** 1993 08 17

**FROM:** DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

**FILE:** 65-01-02

**SUBJECT:** PILOT USED PAINT COLLECTION PROJECT

**PURPOSE:** To inform Council of the status of the pilot used paint collection project proposed by the Canadian Paint and Coatings Association (CPCA).

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** Council receive this report for information purposes; and
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to the following:
  - a) The Canadian Paint and coatings Association (CPCA)  
9900 Cavendish Boulevard  
Suite 103  
St. Laurent, Quebec H4M 2V2
  - b) Waste Reduction Commission and the Ministry of  
Environment, Lands and Parks  
4th Floor  
777 Broughton Street  
Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4
  - c) Greater Vancouver Regional District  
4330 Kingsway  
Burnaby, B.C. V5H 4G8

**REPORT**

**1.0 BACKGROUND**

At it's regular meeting of 1993 June 14 Council received and approved recommendations in a report from the Environment and Waste Management Committee that included:

"**THAT** staff be authorized to work with the Canadian Paint and Coatings Association and the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks (MOELP) to establish a pilot project for used paint collection for a limited time duration in Burnaby."

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**2.0 DISCUSSION**

Since Council's authority was received to establish a framework for a pilot used paint collection project, staff have been in discussion with MOELP, the Canadian Paint and Coatings Association (CPCA), and the CPCA's Contractor for the pilot program in B.C., Philip Environmental.

Philip Environmental, the MOELP's Contractor for household hazardous waste disposal, also provided necessary site services for the CPCA limited duration pilot used paint collection project in the Capital Regional District.

Two pilot programs were originally proposed for British Columbia; in the Capital Regional District and the City of Burnaby. The pilot in the CRD collected a substantial volume of paint, far in excess of CPCA's formal commitment. The situation is unfortunate as the CPCA has not been able to address the added costs of the CRD pilot, and the CPCA Post Consumer Paint Stewardship Initiative Steering Committee has directed that all further programs, including Burnaby's, be postponed indefinitely.

The pilot collection program for Burnaby, should it come to fruition, would address a very specific component of the household hazardous waste stream; that is, used paint. Used paint continues to be identified as making up 70% of the total household hazardous waste and is considered to be its highest volume, yet lowest toxicity component.

**3.0 CONCLUSION**

The pilot used paint collection project undertaken in the Capital Regional District through the CPCA and Philip Environmental was successful beyond expectations resulting in the redirection of funds originally proposed for a similar pilot project in Burnaby.

The underlying need for a permanent solution to this waste problem is highlighted by the demands placed on the CRD pilot program. Although a similar pilot collection program in Burnaby is now postponed until such time as the CPCA or the Ministry of Environment have comprehensively addressed funding, the opportunity still exists for residents of Burnaby to deliver their used paint to Provincial HHW collection facilities in Surrey two days each month.

  
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- cc: Director Administrative & Community Services
- Director Planning & Building
- City Solicitor
- Chief Environmental Health Officer