

CITY OF BURNABY

ENVIRONMENT AND WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS

RE: PROPOSED EVENTS FOR CLEAN AIR DAY - 1994 JUNE 08

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council receive for information the list of events planned for Clean Air Day as outlined in the attached report.
2. THAT Council proclaim 1994 June 08 as Clean Air Day.
3. THAT Council authorize information notices being placed in the local community newspapers inviting the community to participate in a clean air event or action as part of Clean Air Day and Environment Week.

R E P O R T

The Environment and Waste Management Committee at its meeting held on 1994 May 10, received and adopted the attached report providing information on events proposed for Clean Air Day in the City of Burnaby.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D. Drummond
Chair

Councillor D. Lawson
Member

Councillor D. Johnston
Member

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TO: ENVIRONMENT AND WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE **1994 MAY 09**

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING **OUR FILE: 11.802**

SUBJECT: PROPOSED EVENTS FOR CLEAN AIR DAY - 1994 JUNE 08

PURPOSE: To outline events proposed for Clean Air Day in the City of Burnaby.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the events planned for Clean Air Day as outlined in this report be forwarded to Council for its information.
2. **THAT** Council be requested to proclaim June 08 as Clean Air Day.
3. **THAT** Council be requested to authorize information notices being placed in the local community newspapers inviting the community to participate in a clean air event or action as part of Clean Air Day and Environment Week.

R E P O R T

1.0 BACKGROUND

In 1992, the Greater Vancouver Regional District Board declared the region's first Clean Air Day to raise public awareness about the need to improve the air we breathe. This year, the GVRD and the Province of B.C. will declare the third annual Clean Air Day as part of Canada's national Environment Week. This report outlines a number of proposed events to celebrate Environment Week centred on the theme of Clean Air in Burnaby.

2.0 PROPOSED EVENTS

2.1 Tree Planting

Trees improve air quality. Leaves filter the air we breathe by removing dust and other particulates. Rain washes the pollutants to the ground. Leaves absorb carbon monoxide from the air to form carbohydrates that are used in the plant's structure and function. In this process leaves also absorb other air pollutants such as ozone, carbon monoxide and sulphur dioxide.

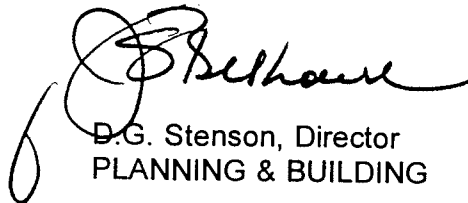
The Burnaby Beautification Committee is donating 1,850 Omorika Spruce seedlings to the Burnaby School Board. These seedlings will be given to all the Grade 3 students of the School District for planting during the week of June 08. Along with the tree will be a "Carecard" that contains written and pictorial information to guide families in planting and caring for their tree.

2.6 Proclamation

Active community participation is fundamental to achieving improvements in air quality. A proclamation by the Mayor proclaiming June 08 as Clean Air Day, and encouraging the community to share the City's commitment and efforts in environmental stewardship by planting a tree and/or using an alternate mode of transportation for Clean Air Day would contribute to improving our air quality and provide an opportunity for active community participation

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Environment and Waste Management Committee forward the list of events planned for Clean Air Day to Council for its information. To help publicize the community events it is also recommended that Council proclaim June 08 as Clean Air Day and that an advertisement be placed in the two community newspapers encouraging the community to participate in Clean Air Day and the events planned.



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cc: City Manager
Director Recreation and Cultural Services
Director Engineering
Chief Environmental Health Officer
Director Administrative & Community Services
Director Finance

