

REPORT  
1997 October 27

CITY OF BURNABY

ENVIRONMENT AND WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS

Re: Brunette Basin Watershed Management Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

1. *THAT* Council receive this report for information purposes.

REPORT

The Environment and Waste Management Committee, at its meeting held on 1997 October 14, adopted the *attached* report providing updated information regarding the process to develop the Brunette Basin watershed management plan. The Committee advised that the process currently underway provides an integrated multi-stakeholders approach to address watershed issues requiring a balanced approach to the environment, drainage conveyance and financial considerations.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor L. Rankin  
Chair

Councillor D. Johnston  
Member

Councillor D. Lawson  
Member

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**TO:** CHAIRPERSON & MEMBERS  
ENVIRONMENT & WASTE  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE **DATE:** 1997 10 03

**FROM:** DIRECTOR ENGINEERING **FILE:** 40-05-06

**SUBJECT:** BRUNETTE BASIN WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

**PURPOSE:** To provide an update on the progress of the Brunette Basin watershed management plan and to advise Council of the upcoming Public Information meeting to be held on 1997 November 6.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT the Committee forward this report to Council for information.

**REPORT**

**1.0 BACKGROUND**

In 1996 October, Council approved a staff report on the Still Creek - Brunette River Issues and Proposed Actions. One of the recommendations adopted by Council was:

*"THAT staff be authorized to work with the GVS & DD to conduct a public workshop and consultation process for all stakeholders in the Brunette basin, and upon completion of the public process, submit the final report back to the Committee and Council for consideration and approval."*

Following the adoption of the above report, staff initiated a process with the GVS & DD to begin to address the watershed issues in the broader context of integrated watershed management. The Brunette Basin Task Group (BBTG) was subsequently formed comprising representatives from municipalities within the basin, regulatory agencies, the Regional District, education institutions, and a local fish and game club. A complete listing of the BBTG members is included in Appendix A.

The BBTG is a working group operating under the guidelines of the GVS & DD's Liquid Waste Management Plan development process. Since the beginning of 1997, the group has been meeting regularly to develop a watershed management plan integrating both short and long term inter-municipal initiatives within the basin.

## **2.0 CURRENT STATUS**

The watershed planning process provides an excellent opportunity to discuss inter-municipal issues and to seek common solutions, but it also presents great challenges in addressing the wide range of interests and priorities amongst the members municipalities, regulatory agencies and local groups. The work plan for the group is separated into four major components which are outlined as follows :

1. Setting of Goals and Specific Objectives for the Watershed
2. Compilation of Current Data and Development of Short Term Programs
3. Identification of Long Term Programs Based on Watershed and Sub-Watershed Approaches
4. Multiple Account Evaluation of Options and Development of Overall Strategy

It is anticipated that a preliminary report outlining the recommended watershed management plan will be completed by the end of 1998. At the present time, Task 1 is complete and detailed work programs are being developed for Task 2.

During the initial project meetings, the importance of gaining public acceptance and total integration of the plan was highlighted as one of the key components of the work program. To ensure these issues are adequately addressed, a series of public information and workshops are identified as being critical to the success of the planning process. The public meetings will be used as one of the community outreach programs to inform the stakeholders of the planning process and to invite further public input and participation in future stewardship programs. The first Public Information Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, 1997 November 6 from 6:00 pm to approximately 9:00 pm at the Lakeview Room in the Bill Copeland Sports Centre. Advertisement of the meeting will be placed in local newspapers, and separate notices will be mailed out to specific stakeholders who have interest in the watershed.

## **3.0 NEXT STEP**

The watershed management plan development process currently underway provides an integrated multi-stakeholders approach to address watershed issues that require a balanced approach to the environment, drainage conveyance and financial considerations.

While the long term strategy and implementation programs are being developed, the BBTG is also working toward the establishment of a short term program that can be characterized as action oriented tasks to enhance and compliment the long term program. Such short term action tasks as stream classification, land use and ecosystem mapping and a facility

ownership data system have been identified by the BBTG. Resources and options are being examined in order to facilitate the implementation of these initiatives. Through the public information and consultation process, staff are optimistic that valuable feedback will be received from the public which would allow the BBTG to further its work on the development of the watershed plan and implementation strategy.

This report is served as a progress report on the Brunette Basin Watershed Management Project and is provided for the information of the Committee and Council. Staff will continue to inform Council of the work progress as appropriate.

  
DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

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cc: City Manager  
Director Planning & Building  
A/Director Recreation & Cultural Services

**APPENDIX A**

**MEMBERSHIP LIST OF THE BRUNETTE BASIN TASK GROUP**

<b>MUNICIPALITY/AGENCY</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE</b>
City of Burnaby	Lambert Chu (Chair)
City of Vancouver	Aaron Gill
City of Coquitlam	Mike Iviny
City of New Westminster	Robert Vosilla
Greater Vancouver Regional District	Beth Currie
	Caroline Berka
BC Environment	Brian Clark
Department of Fisheries and Oceans	Bruce Reid
Westwater Research (UBC)	Ken Hall
BCIT	Bob Gunn
Sapperton Fish & Game Club	John Appler

