

REPORT
1998 MAY 25

CITY OF BURNABY
ENVIRONMENT & 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 & Waste Management Committee, at its meeting held on 1998 May 12, adopted the attached report providing updated information regarding development of the Brunette Basin Watershed Management Plan and advising of the second public information meeting to be held on 1998 June 04 from 7:00 p.m. to approximately 9:00 p.m. at the Lakeview Room in the Bill Copeland Sports Centre. The Committee advised that the focus of the meeting is to inform the interested stakeholders of the progress of the work program and to invite feedback and input on the best management options.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor L. Rankin
Chair

Councillor D. Johnston
Member

Councillor D. Lawson
Member

<p>CC: - CITY MANAGER - DIR. ENGINEERING - DIR. FINANCE - DIR. PLNG & BLDG - ENVIR. SERV. SUP.</p>

TO: CHAIRPERSON & MEMBERS
ENVIRONMENT & WASTE
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: 1998 05 05

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 second public information meeting to be held on 1998 June 4 in concert with the City's Environment Week event.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

REPORT

1.0 INTRODUCTION

As Council may recall, the Brunette Basin Task Group (BBTG) was formed in 1997 to develop an integrated watershed management plan for the Brunette drainage basin. The BBTG is comprised of representatives from municipalities within the basin, regulatory agencies, the GVS & DD, education institutions and a local fish and game club.

A public information meeting organized by the BBTG was held in 1997 November to provide a forum for public input and comments on the plan development process. The meeting was attended by over 70 people, and local stewardship groups also actively participated in the event with the displays of their stewardship programs and feedback on the process.

2.0 CURRENT STATUS

The work plan for the BBTG is separated into five major components which are outlined as follows:

1. Setting of Goals and Objectives for the Watershed
2. Development and Implementation of Short Term Programs
3. Formulation of Decision Criteria
4. Identification and Evaluation of Best Management Options
5. Development of Overall Strategy and Recommendations


It is anticipated that a preliminary report will be prepared in early 1999. At the present time, Tasks 1 and 3 are complete. Under Task 2, a stream classification project has been initiated and is substantially complete. In addition, the Stoney Creek Stormwater Management Study is currently underway and is scheduled to be finished by September 1998.

3.0 NEXT STEPS

The Brunette Watershed Management Plan development process provides an excellent opportunity for multi-stakeholders to address watershed issues that require a balanced approach to the environment, public stewardship, drainage conveyance and financial considerations. To ensure the issues are adequately addressed, a second public information meeting is proposed for Thursday, 1998 June 4 from 7:00pm to approximately 9:00pm at the Lakeview Room in the Bill Copeland Sports Centre. The meeting is a part of the week long events planned for the Environment Week. The focus of the meeting is to inform the interested stakeholders of the progress of the work program and to invite feedback and input on the best management options.

To increase general public awareness of the watershed issues and how the public can help to better manage the urban waterways in the Brunette basin, the BBTG is developing a public brochure including maps, photos and graphics for general distribution to watershed stakeholders in June 1998. Copies of the brochure will be provided to the Committee and Council as soon as the production is complete.

This report is served as a progress report on the Brunette Basin Watershed Management Project and to advise the Committee and Council of the upcoming public information meeting to be held on Thursday evening, 1998 June 4.


DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

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cc: City Manager
Director Planning & Building