

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.

REPORT

The Environment and Waste Management Committee, at its meeting held on 1999 May 11, received and adopted the *attached* report providing updated information on the progress of the Brunette Basin Watershed Management Plan. The Committee advised that a draft report for the project will be complete in 1999 October for review by Council and watershed stakeholders. The Committee concluded by advising that, prior to producing the draft report based on the work of the Brunette Basin Task Group, a public workshop is planned for 1999 June 10 to solicit public input on management strategies and options.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D. Johnston
Chair

Councillor C. Redman
Member

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Councillor D. Lawson
Member

TO: CHAIRPERSON & MEMBERS
ENVIRONMENT & WASTE
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: 1999 05 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 third public workshop to be held on 1999 June 10.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

REPORT

1.0 Brunette Basin Update

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 cities of Burnaby, Coquitlam, New Westminster and Vancouver, GVRD, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Ministry of Environment, UBC/Westwater, BCIT and Sapperton Fish and Game Club. The project was initiated under the GVRD's Liquid Waste Management Planning process to be used as a model for urban watershed planning in the region.

A draft report for the project will be complete in 1999 October for review by Council and watershed stakeholders. At the present time, strategic options and management alternatives have been identified under the watershed plan. Prior to producing a draft report based on the work of the BBTG, a further public workshop is planned for 1999 June 10 to solicit public input on the management strategies and options.

While the watershed management plan is still being developed, the BBTG has also initiated short term action programs in the past 12 months to implement some of the watershed objectives and to provide the required data for the watershed management option evaluation. The short term projects that were initiated in 1998/99 included:

- Stoney Creek Storm Water Management Plan
- Stream Classification Project
- Brunette Watershed Major Stream Biophysical Inventory Program
- Stream Mapping (Global Positioning System - GPS)
- Riparian Owners and Business Community Communication Plan


In addition to the above programs, other projects such as the Still Creek/Brunette River flood plain mapping work, Deer Lake tributaries enhancement feasibility study have also been initiated and completed as part of the overall watershed management program.

2.0 Upcoming Public Workshop

On 1999 June 10, the third Brunette Basin public workshop will be held to invite the public to provide comment on the preliminary management options and strategic direction. The workshop will be held in the Bill Copeland Sports Centre - Lakeview Room from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. The preliminary list of strategic options includes the categories of policies, principles and Bylaws; education and stewardship programs; and improvement programs.

It is hoped that the results of the workshop will help the BBTG to complete the option evaluation process and to move on to the next step of producing a draft report for the project in 1999 October. Staff will bring back a staff report to the Committee and Council to present the draft report for review and approval.

This report is served as a status report on the Brunette Basin Watershed Management Project and to advise the Committee and Council of the upcoming public workshop to be held on Thursday evening, 1999 June 10.


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