

Report due on incinerator

Residents Against Expansion say the \$48-million South Slope incinerator should not be expanded no matter what an impending consultants' report concludes.

"Stop it at 140,000 until it's proven that it is working satisfactorily," RAE spokesman John Baillie said of the Greater Vancouver Regional District's proposal to expand the burner from 140,000 annual tonne capacity to 210,000. RAE is concerned that an expanded incinerator could cause environmental problems and increase noise and traffic.

Municipal planner Tony Parr told council last week that a GVRD consultants' report on the matter is now being finalized.

"I want to see it work at 140,000 for a few years before we expand it," Ald. Doug Drummond said last week.

Drummond said an environmental report isn't nearly as conclusive as studying the burner in action, adding "You really don't know until the technology is in place and the incinerator is running."

Ald. Don Brown said he would never ever go for an expansion to 210,000 metric tonnes.

"We aren't being told the entire truth," he said, denouncing a GVRD open house on the incinerator that was recently staged. "It was a con job as far as I'm concerned."

Brown, an independent mayoral candidate, said residents should get a

public meeting — "so they can hear at the same time" — rather than an open house where residents meet experts one-on-one.

Mayor Bill Lewarne said council should wait for the result of the consultants' report before drawing the line on expansion.

Lewarne said current garbage disposal facilities in neighboring municipalities will soon close so it's essential that alternatives such as the incinerator be established.

"While I realize that garbage is never popular, we better take another look at being isolationist," he said.

Baillie said Lewarne's comments were "a rather astounding statement for the mayor to make."

"I just cannot see how he arrived at a definition such as isolationist when Burnaby is the only municipality willing to accommodate an incinerator right now. The 140,000 should accommodate Burnaby plus other municipalities," he said.

Ald. Alan Emmott said the issue shouldn't be judged before the report is seen, adding that GVRD officials involved are "not likely to pull a con job over anybody."

Ald. Egon Nikolai said other municipalities should "assume some of the responsibility."

He said there's many unknown factors in any new technology. "Let's get the system in place first and find out how it functions," Nikolai said.

Daon out of Metrotown

Daon is out of Metrotown, but Burnaby's new downtown is still going.

The Daon Development Corp. says it has no further interest in Metrotown after failing to reach an agreement to obtain Kelly Douglas' property in the Metrotown town-centre site on Kingsway.

But late last week, Toronto's

Cambridge Shopping Centres Ltd. was waiting in the wings, poised to close a deal to develop a \$100-million shopping mall on the property.

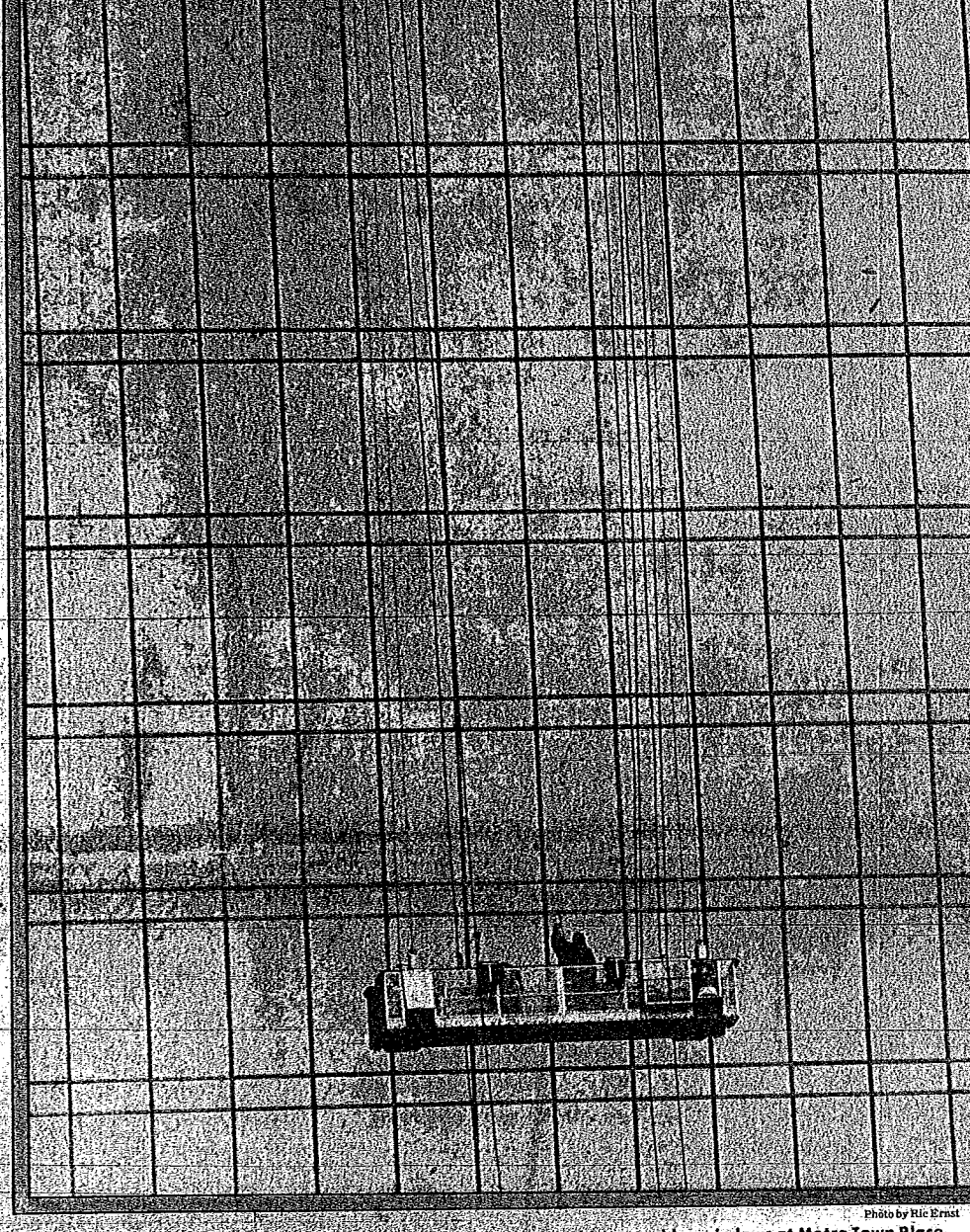
"We are in the final stages of concluding the Metrotown plans," Kelly Douglas spokesman Shirley Ann Brown said, adding that agreement would result in a development "similar" to that proposed by Daon.

Brown wouldn't name the new developer, but Cambridge vice-president Don Priddle has said his company has discussed the site with Kelly Douglas.

Daon, whose option to purchase the site expired recently, had a first-phase proposal that included a three-level shopping mall with two major department stores, a food floor, an interior community square, outdoor public square, movie theatres and a library.

At a cost of \$150 million, it had been scheduled for completion by mid-1987, but Daon earlier said in its annual report that the project would be reviewed because of difficulty convincing major department stores to anchor the mall.

WINDOWS TO BURNABY



Window washers John Brunt and Davide Pacito put a shine to golden windows at Metro Town Place. Photo by Ric Ernst

Election '86 heats up

Burnaby's mayoral candidates are out of the starting gate. Besides incumbent Mayor Bill Lewarne of the Burnaby Voters' Association, the Burnaby Citizens

BVA-controlled council give the planning department. They always look from the top down and never from the bottom up." Redman said the Kensington Overpass showed the BVA's philosophy of

"a mini-provincial government going on a mini-restraint program." "I think they have egg all over their faces on that. Who knows what it'll ever cost to fix it properly." Ald. Don Brown, an independent

mayoral candidate, saying because Burnaby deserves a mayor who's to the people." "Number one: listen to the people. For goodness sakes, listen to the people," he said.

War of words

Association's Celeste Redman and independent Ald. Don Brown, rumors of other candidates abound, front former mayor Tom Constable to

Burnaby's battle of the ballot box

"It's absolutely untrue that he didn't lobby my dad. I remember

Brown said that as a he's been responsive to concerned about issues that such as the incinerator which he opposes ("th

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