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3. From the Deputy City Clerk
Council Referral 2002/05/22

Standing Policy Committees - Access to Information within Committee Jurisdiction
File CR-2 (Vol. 4)

Advising that Council at its meeting held on May 22, 2002, ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

"Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

WHEREAS on May 2, 2002, a serious situation occurred at the City's Brady Road landfill when a bulldozer accidentally ripped open bags of asbestos during preparations to bury the hazardous material;

AND WHEREAS City workers at Brady Road and members of the public using Brady Road could have been put at risk;

AND WHEREAS on May 10 after an investigation and tests, the City's Occupational Hygiene Co-ordinator recommended upgraded employee training and a review of the procedures for handling asbestos;

AND WHEREAS on May 8 and 9, both the Manager of Solid Waste Services and the Disposal Supervisor refused to provide information on the incident to a member of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works, the committee responsible for the operation of Brady Road, referring him instead to the Chair of Public Works;

AND WHEREAS at noon on May 6, the Manager of Solid Waste Services had reported details of the incident to senior officials in the CAO's office and the Waste and Waste Department, to the Chair of Public Works, to the Mayor, to the Mayor's Chief of Staff and to the Mayor's Communications Co-ordinator;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as a matter of practice, members of the Standing Policy Committee receive full and timely access to information on matters within committee jurisdiction from committee chairs, other committee members and from City staff."