

The City of Burnaby Archives does not hold Council records for 1892-1893. The 24-Mar-1894 Council minutes are the earliest Council records in our holdings.

In the early years of Burnaby's incorporation, the Municipal council met for its weekly meetings in some rather unusual places, like the Tram Station, local schools and private homes.

There was no permanent and secure place in Burnaby where official records could be housed. To remedy this situation, in March 1898, the Municipal Council authorized the purchase of a large safe that could hold all the records and would be housed in a municipal building in New Westminster.

Six months later a devastating fire destroyed the entire downtown section of New Westminster. Unfortunately, the minute books from 1892-1893 were destroyed completely and the others were thought to be lost or destroyed as well. In October of 2004 the British Columbia Archives in Victoria miraculously found the 1894-1898 records in their holdings and donated them to the City of Burnaby where they went through immediate conservation treatment.