

JANUARY 30, 1961

An Adjourned Meeting of the Municipal Council was held in the Council Chambers, Municipal Hall, 4545 East Grandview-Douglas Highway on Monday, January 30, 1961 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Reeve Emmott in the Chair;
Councillors Clark, Drummond,
Edwards, Harper, Hicks, Jamieson,
MacSorley and Prittie

Reeve Emmott welcomed two teachers and four pupils of Moscrop Junior High School to the meeting this evening. He introduced the members of Council and the Municipal Manager, the Municipal Clerk, and the Deputy Municipal Clerk.

Mr. John A. W. Drysdale, Member of Parliament for Burnaby-Richmond, wrote informing Council that he had offered to support the Lower Mainland Regional Planning Board in its attempt to secure financial aid from the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for a housing study in the Lower Mainland area.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR PRITTIE,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HICKS:

"That the letter be received and its contents noted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Drysdale submitted a further letter advising that the Department of National Defence has evinced considerable interest in the matter of establishing an Armoury in Burnaby and suggesting that, in view of this interest, Council seriously consider the making of land available to the Federal Government for the stated purpose. Mr. Drysdale also enclosed a letter which he had received from the Minister of National Defence explaining the situation in regard to the subject matter in greater detail.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JAMIESON,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR EDWARDS:

"That both of the letters be received and the Municipal Manager directed to submit a report on the availability of Municipal land for Armoury accommodation purposes plus reference to related aspects of such a development."

CARRIED
COUNCILLOR HICKS -
AGAINST.

Coast Foundry Company Limited submitted a letter criticizing the techniques employed by the Fire Department in attempting to extinguish a fire at the Plant of the Company on June 5, 1960. Also, the Company requested that the Corporation abate some of the taxes levied against the property in question last year because of the fact that some of the buildings did not exist after the fire.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JAMIESON,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HARPER:

"That the letter be received and action on the complaint and request deferred until consideration of Item 1 of the Municipal Manager's Report this evening."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EDWARDS,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MacSORLEY:

"That the Council now resolve itself into Committee of the Whole."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT.

(1) Bus Stop on North side of Kingsway farside Salisbury Avenue.

The Committee reported that it had received a request from the owner of property at the above location, Ross Motors Limited, that the bus stop in front of their premises be relocated to a position in front of the Middlegate Shopping Centre. The Committee advised that it had received information that the Company is contemplating a redevelopment of its site, the result of which will be, in part, a revision of existing driveway entrances and exits. The Committee added that it had further learned that a proposal to establish a bus route on Salisbury Avenue is currently being examined by both the B.C. Electric Company and the Municipality and that it is possible the bus stop positions in this general area will be revised. The Committee recommended that no change be made in regard to the relocation of the bus stop in question until such time as something of a more positive nature materializes in connection with the redevelopment and/or the bus route proposals mentioned above.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR PRITTIE,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HICKS:

"That the recommendation of the Committee be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(2) Bus Stop In 3700 Block Phillips Avenue.

The Committee reported that a bus stop was established at 3750 Phillips Avenue and that this location was chosen because it would provide service to patrons arriving and leaving by way of Phillips Avenue north and south of Government Street and further, because a nearside stop on Phillips Avenue at Government Street was considered to be undesirable due to the proximity of the turn from Phillips Avenue onto Government Street. The Committee advised that prompted by a complaint and because it was still felt that a mid-block bus stop was undesirable, an investigation was made into the patron volume aspect which disclosed that very few homes exist on Phillips Avenue to the south and also, that it might be possible to relocate the bus stop to farside Phillips Avenue at a position sufficiently beyond this Avenue that vision would not be restricted on the corner and, at the same time, adequate space would be allowed for the transit vehicle to stop parallel to

the roadway. The Committee recommended that the existing east-bound bus stop on Phillips Avenue adjacent House No. 3750 be relocated to a position on Government Street farside Phillips Avenue and nearside the lane east of Phillips Avenue because this new location will overcome the undesirable features of the present mid-block bus stop and will provide equally good access to patrons north of Government Street.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HICKS,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CLARK:

"That the recommendation of the Committee
be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(3) Bus Routes in South-East Burnaby.

The Committee recommended that the following bus stop changes, which resulted from the introduction of revised transit routes in South-East Burnaby, be approved:

(a) Government - Casewell Route.

Nine new stops on Casewell and David Streets and on the west side of North Road, and the discontinuation of the existing bus stops on the west side of North Road at Loughheed Highway and at a point where Delestre Avenue would project from Coquitlam into Burnaby.

(b) Government - Cariboo Route.

Four new stops on Armstrong Avenue, Langley Street, and 10th Avenue.

(c) 2nd Street Route.

Fourteen new stops on 12th Avenue, 1st Street, 16th Avenue, Cumberland Street, Armstrong Avenue, and Coquitlam Street, and the discontinuation of existing bus stops on 12th Avenue between 1st Street and Cumberland Street and on 2nd Street between 12th Avenue and 16th Avenue.

(d) 16th Avenue Crosstown Route.

Eight new stops on 16th Avenue and the rearrangement of existing stops at 6th Street and 16th Avenue. The Committee added that the foregoing bus stop changes were more particularly shown on a plan prepared by the B. C. Electric Company Limited dated January 16, 1961.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CLARK,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HICKS:

"That the recommendation of the
Committee be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(4) South-West Corner of Imperial Street and MacPherson Avenue.

The Committee reported that its attention had been drawn to a view obstruction, in the form of a fence, a number of large shrubs and a large utility pole, at the above location. The Committee pointed out that this corner has one of the worst accident histories of any in the Municipality and that the one

significant factor in almost every accident is that they have involved collisions between northbound vehicles on MacPherson Avenue and eastbound vehicles on Imperial Street. They reported that it was felt this accident situation is, in large part, attributable to the view obstruction. The Committee further advised that initially, it felt the acquisition of a portion of land for truncation purposes would be the more permanent solution inasmuch as this would then allow the Municipality to enter upon the affected portion and remove the things which constitute the obstruction. The Committee advised that the owner indicated he was prepared to sell the subject portion for the sum of \$250.00 and, in addition, he wanted a new fence constructed across the entire front of his lot and three large shrubs replanted. The Committee advised that it felt this price was exorbitant, especially when the conditions of sale were taken into account, and they therefore abandoned the notion to acquire the property. They added that the Committee then approached the owner direct asking that he relocate his fence and shrubs to positions on his property that would not obstruct the view of motorists, indicating to him that the Committee was prepared to recommend that the Corporation assume the expense involved but, in reply, the owner had reaffirmed his original offer. The Committee recommended that as it had exhausted its avenues of approach to the problem, the view obstruction at the subject location be eliminated as quickly as possible, whether it be by the acquisition of a portion of the property involved, or by the passage of a By-law by Council, or the issuance of an order compelling the owner to remove the things which are causing the obstruction. The Committee further recommended that this matter be referred to the Municipal Manager for appropriate action.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JAMIESON,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HARPER:

"That the Solicitor submit a report advising as to the powers which Council possesses in regard to the matter of removing view obstructions."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(5) Boundary Road and Albert Street.

The Committee reported that it conducted an accident study of the above intersection and discovered that nine accidents occurred in the four year period between 1957 and January, 1961. Instead of twelve during the three year period between 1958 and 1960 which the City of Vancouver claimed occurred. The Committee explained that this discrepancy probably resulted when, in a telephone conversation between the Engineering Departments of both municipalities, information shown on the accident spot maps was conveyed. They pointed out that these maps only show the number of accidents which occur in a certain general vicinity and are not reliable indications of the number of intersection accidents. The Committee added that a collision diagram for the four year period mentioned above indicated that a significant number of accidents involving eastbound and northbound vehicles occurred, with the drivers in three of these accidents stating that vehicles parked on the centre boulevard created a view obstruction. The Committee further advised that in late 1959, the City of Vancouver began to enforce the parking prohibition on the boulevard strip with the result there has been a decrease in accidents at the south-west corner of the subject intersection - none occurred during 1960. They added that two accidents did occur at other corners but these are not indicative of any trend or

pattern and do not in themselves warrant any control. The Committee advised that as the present accident situation at Albert Street and Boundary Road is normal, it was not prepared to recommend any form of control at the intersection in question.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HARPER,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MacSORLEY:

"That the report be received and the view expressed therein concurred with."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(6) Stride Avenue and 15th Street.

The Committee reported that as a result of a request for a school crosswalk at the above location, a crossing count was conducted which disclosed that 44 children crossed Stride Avenue at or in the immediate vicinity of 15th Street during a 34 minute period and, during the same time, 88 motor vehicles entered the intersection. They pointed out that no conflict was evident between the pupils and vehicles and that the intersection is normal in character with no unusual features. The Committee recommended that the request for a school crossing on Stride Avenue at 15th Street be denied.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HICKS,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JAMIESON:

"That the recommendation of the Committee be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(7) Barker Crescent and Price Crescent.

The Committee reported that as a result of a request for stop sign control at the above intersection, a volume count was made and a collision diagram prepared; this examination disclosing that one accident each year involved the south-east corner where, it was felt, a high bank contributed to the accident. The Committee advised that this study brought them to the conclusion that there was no warrant for control but, rather than report at that time, it was decided to wait until the matter of through streets in this area had been dealt with. In this regard, the Committee pointed out that Patterson Avenue and Burke Street are now through streets and, as Barker Avenue (and Crescent) is not a through Street, the centre line will be no longer maintained. The Committee added that it is hoped this situation will have the effect of reducing accidents at the subject intersection since the gradual disappearance, and eventual elimination, of the centre line on Barker Crescent will remove any indication that it has any preference over Price Crescent. The Committee recommended that no controls be instituted at this intersection.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HICKS,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PRITTE:

"That the recommendation of the Committee be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(8) Halifax Street at Parkcrest School.

The Committee reported that it had received a request from the Principal of the above School for crosswalk facilities. They advised that a student count was taken and that it was observed during this count that the pupils were quite orderly in their movements and that an attempt had been made to provide patrol facilities without benefit of the usual supplements. The Committee pointed out that though mid-block crossings are considered to be undesirable because motorists logically expect crossings to be made at intersections, they felt a departure should be made in this case due to the lack of sidewalk facilities and the fact that the intersection of Halifax Street and Fell Avenue is not suitable for a school crossing. They recommended that a school crossing be authorized on Halifax Street west of Fell Avenue at the entrance to Parkcrest School.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MacSORLEY,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CLARK:

"That the recommendation of the Committee
be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(9) Grafton Street and Pioneer Avenue.

The Committee reported that as a result of a petition for stop sign control at the above intersection, an analysis of the three accidents which occurred in 1960 was made which disclosed that the centre line on Grafton Street probably gave motorists the impression they were on a through street. The Committee pointed out that Grange Street has now been developed as the main route in this area and that therefore there should be less demand for the use of Grafton Street. They recommended that the request for stop control at Grafton Street and Pioneer Avenue be denied.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HICKS,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MacSORLEY:

"That the recommendation of the Committee
be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MUNICIPAL MANAGER -- REPORT NO. 5, 1961.

(1) Coast Foundry Company Limited.

The Manager submitted a report on a letter submitted by the above Company (reference to which is made earlier in the Minutes) advising that the Fire Chief has reported on the manner in which the fire was fought. The Manager pointed out that the Fire Chief, in his report, contradicts most of the accusations made by the Company and also emphasizes the responsibility of the Fire Department, not only to property involved in the fire, but also to property endangered by the possible spread of the fire. The Manager added that the Chief further emphasizes his responsibility for the safety of his men and refutes the claim that the Department was inefficient in its fire fighting techniques.

The Manager also submitted the report from the Fire Chief,

together with reports from both the Provincial Fire Marshall and his Assistant.

The Manager stated that it was his opinion the charges against the Fire Department are not substantiated by fact. He added that accusations of incompetency or of improper fire-fighting practices can be very damaging to the morale of the Fire Department and to public confidence.

The Manager also reported on the matter of abating taxes advising that assessment and taxation is based on the situation existing at the 31st of December each year and therefore the Company must pay taxes in 1960 on the assessment at December 31, 1959 irrespective of the fire on June 5, 1960.

The Fire Chief was present to answer questions and to explain, in greater detail, the techniques employed by his Department in combating fires. He also advised that the Fire Prevention Office makes two inspections per year of Industrial and public buildings and, in this regard, the Chief pointed out that many letters had been written to Coast Foundry Company pointing out various fire hazards which had been observed as a result of inspections and asking that these hazards be eliminated.

The principals of the Company were present and asked that they be given the opportunity to address Council.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HICKS,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR EDWARDS:

"That the representatives of Coast Foundry Company be heard."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Yorston appeared on behalf of the Company and reiterated the comments made in the letter to Council from the Company. He made certain suggestions as to how the fire should have been fought and criticized the lack of leadership in the Fire Department while conducting its fight.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DRUMMOND,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HICKS:

"That the report of the Municipal Manager and accompanying reports be received and no action taken on the complaint of Coast Foundry Company Limited in connection with the fire at its Plant on June 5, 1960."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(2) Portion of road allowance at North-east corner of Halifax Street and Delta Avenue.

The Manager reported that in June, 1922 the Corporation obtained a corner truncation at the above location and that it is now considered to be redundant. He added that the abutting owner is prepared to exchange the easterly 20 feet of his property in exchange for the said truncation, which has a frontage on Delta Avenue of 62 feet and a like frontage on Halifax Street. The Manager recommended that Council abandon the subject truncation and convey it to the abutting owner, Mr. C. Quilter, in exchange for the easterly 20 feet of his property. He added that this owner would pay the cost of preparing an explanatory plan covering the abandonment and that the 20 foot portion above mentioned would be dedicated for lane purposes by

subdivision.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EDWARDS,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HARPER:

"That the recommendation of the Manager
be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(3) Lot 3, D. L. 85, Plan 9815 (Roberts)

The Manager reported that on August 22, 1960, Council rejected an offer from Solicitors for the above noted to sell the above described property to the Corporation for \$45,000.00 cash or, alternatively, \$38,375.00 cash and a free five year lease of a house located on the property. The Manager advised that Council reaffirmed its original offer to purchase the subject property for \$38,375.00 and informed the owner that an independent appraisal should be obtained before further consideration would be given to the proposal. The Manager reported that under date of January 13, 1961, the Solicitors for the owners have submitted a further offer of \$41,000.00 for the subject land. The Manager advised that this latest offer has been discussed with the Property Manager and the conclusion reached that the original offer should be either restated or withdrawn.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MacSORLEY,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JAMIESON:

"That the original offer of Council of
\$38,375.00 for the property in question
be restated."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(4) Sick Leave Premiums for Exempt Staff.

The Manager recommended that Council authorize the payment of the sum of \$1,335.48 to the Burnaby Municipal Welfare Society; this sum representing the Corporation's share of the premium for sick leave benefits for members of the exempt staff who had become members of the said Society prior to December 31, 1960.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HARPER,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HICKS:

"That the recommendation of the Manager
be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(5) Subdivision Application of L. S. Fraser and others
covering Lots 19 to 24 inclusive, Block 4, D.L. 207.

The Manager advised that he understood the members of Council have been supplied with a copy of a letter from the above noted requesting assistance in securing an approval in principle to a subdivision application involving the above properties. The Manager submitted a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Fraser from the Approving Officer clarifying the situation.

In his letter, the Approving Officer reviewed the matter in

considerable detail in an attempt to clarify the position of the subdivision application insofar as the interests of the Burnaby School Board and the current subdivision situation are concerned. He also suggested the course of action which could be followed by the owners involved in securing approval of a subdivision of their land.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HARPER,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PRITTIE:

"That both the letter from Mr. Fraser and others and the copy of the letter from the Approving Officer be received and their contents noted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(6) Estimates.

The Manager submitted a report from the Municipal Engineer covering estimates of work in the total amount of \$91,520.00 recommending that they be approved.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JAMIESON,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HARPER:

"That the recommendation of the Manager be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(7) Television Programme "Three Feet of Earth."

The Manager reported that information has been received that the above programme will be televised on Tuesday, January 31, 1961, at 10:00 p.m. He added that the programme will consist of a panel discussion on the pros and cons of fallout shelters. It was suggested that it would be beneficial and informative to watch this programme.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EDWARDS,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PRITTIE:

"That the report be received."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Notice of Motion which Councillor Hicks introduced at the last meeting dealing with education financing was then brought forward for consideration.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HICKS,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PRITTIE:

"That Council reaffirm its endorsement of Resolution No. 59 of the 1960 U.B.C.M. Convention and, in addition, urge that an inquiry be conducted into the financing of education in the Province of British Columbia similar to, and as a result of, the Chant Commission study, and that the Provincial Government be so notified."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EDWARDS,
 SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR PRITTE:

"That the Committee now rise and report."

The Council reconvened. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MacSORLEY,
 SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HARPER:

"That the report of the Committee be
 now adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT OF POLICY COMMITTEE.

Your Committee met on Friday, January 27th, 1961 and considered matters pertaining to the Financing of the Sewer Utility as reported by the Municipal Manager.

Following consideration of the report, your Committee would recommend to Council that sewer rentals be applied to all sewer properties which receive water measured by a meter at rates as follows:-

Monthly Rate

First 1,200 cubic ft. per month	No charge
Next 3,800 cubic ft. per month	15.33¢ per 100 cubic feet
Next 10,000 cubic ft. per month	12.23¢ per 100 cubic feet
Next 30,000 cubic ft. per month	9.50¢ per 100 cubic feet
In excess of 50,000 cub.ft. per month	8.43¢ per 100 cubic feet

Quarterly Rate

First 3,500 cubic ft. per quarter	No charge
Next 26,000 cubic ft. per quarter	15.33¢ per 100 cubic feet
Next 30,000 cubic ft. per quarter	12.23¢ per 100 cubic feet
Next 90,000 cubic ft. per quarter	9.50¢ per 100 cubic feet
In excess of 150,000 cubic feet per quarter	8.43¢ per 100 cubic feet

It is estimated that approximately 20% of the average annual consumption of domestic water is used for purposes such as irrigation, etc. and consequently these quantities do not involve sewer service.

In order to establish those industrial and commercial water users, whose particular category of business uses more than the 20% mentioned herein, it is proposed to circularize each property owner concerned to give an opportunity to supply information designed to lead to a categorization of businesses so affected.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JAMIESON,
 SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HICKS:

"That the recommendation of the Committee
 be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR PRITTIE,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR EDWARDS:

"That "BURNABY TAX ABATEMENT BY-LAW, 1960"
be now reconsidered."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

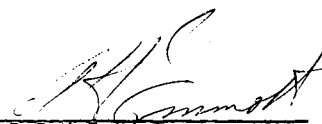
MOVED BY COUNCILLOR PRITTIE,
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JAMIESON:

"That "BURNABY TAX ABATEMENT BY-LAW, 1960"
be now finally adopted, signed by the Reeve
and Clerk and the Corporate Seal be affixed
thereto."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting then adjourned.

Confirmed:


REEVE


CLERK