

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

July 7, 1964.

HIS WORSHIP THE REEVE
AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Gentlemen:

REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

Your Committee met on Monday, July 6th and would recommend that the following Resolutions be endorsed and forwarded to the Union of B. C. Municipalities for consideration at the 1964 U.B.C.M. Convention to be held in September:

RESOLUTION NO. 1

WHEREAS the Vancouver City Charter has been amended to permit a plebiscite to be taken on the question of allowing sports and entertainment programmes to be conducted on Sundays, where admission charges are made;

AND WHEREAS no provision is contained in the Municipal Act whereby such plebiscites are permitted;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that other municipalities in the Province have the opportunity to legislate for paid sports or entertainment on Sundays:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government be urged to amend the Municipal Act to grant permissive power to the municipalities throughout the Province, similar to that granted to the City of Vancouver, for the conduct of sports and entertainment programmes on Sundays, where an admission charge is made.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS the Federal Government of Canada pays to municipalities a grant in lieu of normal taxes on Crown Holdings;

AND WHEREAS the Government of the Province of British Columbia has instituted a grant in lieu of taxes at a somewhat lesser level than that paid by the Federal Government:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of B. C. Municipalities request the Provincial Government to pay to municipalities an annual grant in lieu of taxes on Crown Provincial Holdings, in the same manner as Federal Government grants are made.

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RESOLUTION NO. 3

WHEREAS It is anticipated the new Canada Pension Plan will become effective on January 1st, 1965, which will require contributions from both the municipalities and their employees in addition to the contributions now being made to superannuation;

AND WHEREAS a review of the provisions of the Municipal Superannuation Act related to

- (a) Pension benefits
- (b) Disability benefits
- (c) Vesting benefits

appears to be appropriate at this time in order to assess the effect of the Canada Pensions Plan on these benefits,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Executive of the U.B.C.M. be empowered to establish an advisory committee consisting of representatives of the U.B.C.M., Municipal Officers Association and the employee organizations for the purpose of assessing the effect of the Canada Pension Plan on the Municipal Superannuation Plan, and in particular to review the following benefits provided for in the Municipal Superannuation Act:
 - (i) Pensions
 - (ii) Disability
 - (iii) Vesting
- (b) And further that the Executive of the U.B.C.M. be authorized to make recommendations to the Provincial Government for appropriate changes in the Municipal Superannuation Act.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF DURNADY

RESOLUTION TO U.B.C.M.

WHEREAS subsection (3) of Section 427 of the Municipal Act requires that a business tax be abated by the amount of the full fee paid by him in respect of the same business for a licence under Division (1) of Part X to operate solely in the municipality.

AND WHEREAS subsection (1) of Section 453 provides that licences shall be granted so as to terminate on the thirtieth day of April and the thirty-first day of October.

AND WHEREAS the business tax is an annual tax.

AND WHEREAS the business tax year and the licence year are not compatible.

AND WHEREAS for the majority of businesses, a yearly licence is appropriate and would be more economical for a municipality to administer.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government be requested to amend the Municipal Act to provide that licences be issued for the period 1 January - 31 December with the proviso that seasonal businesses may apply for semi-annual licences as prescribed in Subsection (1) of Section 453.
