

MAY 25, 1964

An Adjourned meeting of the Municipal Council was held in the Council Chambers, Municipal Hall, 4545 East Grandview-Douglas Highway on Monday, May 25, 1964 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Reeve Emmott in the Chair;
Councillors Dailly, Edwards,
Herd, Hicks, MacSorley and
Blair (8:15 p.m.)

ABSENT: Councillors Cafferky and Wells

Secretary, Central Burnaby Ratepayers and Citizens Association, wrote expressing the dissatisfaction of the Association with the discontinuance of bus service on Grandview-Douglas Highway between Willingdon Avenue and Smith Avenue.

The Association also requested an opportunity to address Council on this matter.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EDWARDS, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DAILLY:
"That the delegation be heard."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. J. Ryan appeared on behalf of the Association and first enquired as to the reasons of Council for approving the discontinuation of the service in question. He mentioned that many people who formerly enjoyed the service on the subject portion of Grandview-Douglas Highway will now be without any form of public transit service.

Mr. Ryan introduced the Matron of the Dania Home who stated that the residents of the Home feel the situation resulting from the discontinuance of the bus service will impose a hardship on them because of the inconvenience. She added that many of the guests in the Home have occasion to travel back and forth to the Burnaby General Hospital and other centres and until now these people have relied on the bus service that was available.

Another delegate from the Association was present and suggested that sidewalks be constructed on Spruce Street if the bus was to operate on it in order that pedestrians would have a safer place to walk.

The Chairman of the Public Utilities Committee, Councillor J. Dailly, stated that it had been an oversight on the part of the Committee that the bus service in question was not given proper attention. He suggested that the Committee again meet with representatives of the B. C. Hydro and Power Authority to discuss the point of concern to the Association.

Councillor Dailly was directed to arrange this meeting.

With regard to the suggestion concerning sidewalks on Spruce Street, the Council suggested that this proposal, including the reasons for it, be put in writing and submitted for consideration.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EDWARDS, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DAILLY:
"That all of the below listed correspondence be received."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. V. A. Freeman submitted a letter requesting that action be taken by Council immediately to introduce measures that will eliminate a noise problem allegedly being experienced by him as a result of truck traffic travelling on Bainbridge Avenue between Government Street and Loughheed Highway.

It was mentioned to Council by the Municipal Engineer that the last time a letter was received from Mr. Freeman, the Council had information respecting the anticipated costs of acquiring and constructing a major road facility between Brighton Avenue and Sperling Avenue. The Engineer advised that it should be possible to submit this information in approximately two weeks' time.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MacSORLEY, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HERD:
"That action on the request of Mr. Freeman be deferred pending receipt of the information involving the major road facility referred to above that Council on April 27th directed be supplied."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was added that, in replying to Mr. Freeman, no assurance should be given him that the road in question will be constructed immediately after the information desired by Council is furnished.

Vice-President and Acting Secretary, Capitol Hill Ratepayers Association, submitted a letter suggesting that Council review the matter of the administrative costs of operating the Corporation for the purpose of effecting economies.

He also submitted a resolution urging that Council have all municipalities petition both the Federal and Provincial Governments for the payment by each of taxes on properties held by them.

With respect to the first point raised by the Association, His Worship Reeve Emmott stated that a work study involving every Department of the Corporation is currently underway to determine whether the most judicious use is being made of all employees of the Corporation. He added that such a study has already been made for the Engineering Department and steps are being taken to implement changes in the organization of that Department as a result of the study.

The Reeve added that, if Council is to be competently assisted in its work, then it must have employees that are qualified to perform the responsibilities assigned by Council. He advised that it follows that, to retain this staff, the Council must recognize the need to pay its staff salaries that are not only

considered to be commensurate with the responsibilities each employee is required to assume but which are also sufficient to effectively compete with others that may desire the services engaged by Council.

Regarding the point contained in the resolution of the Association, it was mentioned to Council that the Municipality receives grants in lieu of taxes on all property owned by the Federal Government, with the amounts of these grants equalling the tax levy that would normally apply to the property concerned.

It was also stated that, in the case of the Provincial Government, the Corporation receives amounts based on a mill rate of fifteen being applied to the properties of the Provincial Government.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EDWARDS, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MacSORLEY:
"That the matter of preparing a resolution for the 1964 U.B.C.M. Convention requesting the Provincial Government to remit greater amounts in lieu of the taxes that would normally accrue to the property owned by that Government, be referred to the Policy Committee for consideration."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DAILLY, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HICKS:
"That the information provided above concerning the administration of the Corporation, including the cost thereof, and the action just taken concerning the referral to the Policy Committee of the matter of taxes on properties owned by the Provincial Government be conveyed to the Capitol Hill Ratepayers Association."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HERD, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HICKS:
"That the Association be requested to provide details of its impressions of the areas where it feels there is a duplication of services being performed by certain employees of the Corporation."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

No. 637 Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Cadets, submitted an Invitation to attend the Annual Inspection Ceremony of the members of the Squadron which is being held on May 27th at 8:00 p.m. in the Douglas Road School.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HICKS, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MacSORLEY:
"That the Council now resolve itself into Committee of the Whole."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The following matter was then lifted from the table:

Proposed Construction of Sidewalks on Curtis Street from Holdom Avenue to Kensington Avenue (Item #7 of Municipal Manager's Report No. 34, 1964).

His Worship, Reeve Emmott stated that he felt, before any sidewalk proposal is initiated for the street in question, the Council should first determine the standard of construction that should apply. He mentioned that the construction of a four foot sidewalk on Curtis Street between Sperling Avenue and Fell Avenue has already been authorized by Council.

The Municipal Engineer stated that the cost of providing certain underground services on Curtis Street between Kensington Avenue and Holdom Avenue should be ascertained in advance of any decision to initiate a sidewalk proposal. He added that the ultimate developed width for this portion of Curtis Street is 42 feet.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EDWARDS, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MacSORLEY:
"That the Municipal Engineer provide the cost information mentioned by him earlier and, in the course of preparing this data, he assume that 'curb to curb' treatment is to be considered by Council."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

A report of the Policy Committee, attached to and forming part of these Minutes, was dealt with as follows:

(1) Burnaby Lake.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EDWARDS, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HERD:
"That the first recommendation of the Committee be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EDWARDS, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MacSORLEY:
"That the second recommendation of the Committee be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MacSORLEY, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HICKS:
"That the third recommendation of the Committee be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

His Worship, Reeve Emmott then delivered a verbal report on his trip with Mr. A.F.C. Hean of the Chamber of Commerce to Toronto last week for the purpose of interviewing Mr. S. Smythe and Mr. H. Ballard of the Toronto Maple Leafs Club regarding the possibility of this Organization establishing a Coliseum in the Municipality of Burnaby.

He advised that the Brief prepared by our Planning Department (which he considered to be a masterful production) was presented to Messrs. Smythe and Ballard who were extremely interested in the proposal to locate the Coliseum in Burnaby.

Reeve Emmott indicated that he was extremely grateful for the assistance rendered by Mr. Hean and the Chamber of Commerce.

Reeve Emmott reported that, during the course of the interview, he enquired as to the arrangements in effect for the parking facilities around Maple Leafs Gardens in Toronto and was informed that the Club has no concession for these facilities.

Reeve Emmott also mentioned that the question of the Municipality being able to allow commercial sports activities on Sundays was raised by Mr. Smythe. He pointed out that, under its Charter, the City of Vancouver is allowed to have Sunday sports conducted within its boundaries but the Municipal Act precludes all municipalities except Vancouver from legislating for Sunday sports.

He added that, because of this situation, he approached the Department of Municipal Affairs to obtain its reaction to an amendment being made to the Municipal Act that would permit municipalities the discretion of allowing Sunday sports. The Reeve stated that he had asked Mr. Smythe to advise of the sports activities presently held on Sundays in Maple Leaf Gardens in order that the degree this was a factor could be assessed.

Reeve Emmott also advised that Mr. Smythe had expressed some concern regarding the adequacy of the interchanges of the Freeway in the vicinity of the site planned by Burnaby for the development of the Coliseum and, as a result, an approach was made to the Department of Highways on this matter, with the result assurance was received that this question was receiving continuing attention.

The Reeve mentioned that he had discussed with the Department of Municipal Affairs the various alternatives open to municipalities in making land available for the purpose at hand and he was informed that such land could be leased for any term up to 99 years, with taxes being payable on the land and the improvements thereon. The Reeve mentioned that the Toronto Maple Leafs Club presently pays approximately \$100,000.00 per year in taxes on the site occupied by the Maple Leaf Gardens.

He concluded by stating that both Mr. Smythe and Mr. Ballard seemed impressed by the research done in connection with the matter of locating a Coliseum in Burnaby and they gave their assurance that our proposal would not be dismissed out of hand. He added that these two gentlemen would be visiting the Lower Mainland area late in June and that an opportunity would be afforded the Reeve and Council to meet them then.

Reeve Emmott also reported verbally on the point raised in the report of the Policy Committee concerning the availability of professional services in Eastern Canada for a study of the various problems emanating from the development of Burnaby Lake. In this regard, he stated that it was determined that, if the Corporation should wish to make application to the Federal Government for a grant toward the development of Burnaby Lake and/or its environs, it is a prerequisite that an engineering study of the kind mentioned in the Policy Committee report be made to support the application. As a footnote, he added that the actual application is made through the Provincial Government.

Reeve Emmott also advised that he had examined certain metropolitan and regional recreational facilities while in the East and was impressed with the measures being employed in the fields of conservation of natural amenities and recreational

facilities.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EDWARDS, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DAILLY:
"That a letter be sent to the Durnaby Chamber of Commerce commending both Mr. A.F.C. Hean and the Chamber for the support given to the proposal of the Corporation to encourage the development of a Coliseum in this Municipality."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EDWARDS, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MacSORLEY:
"That the Planning Department be commended for its efforts in producing the Brief supporting the contention that the Coliseum should be located in this Municipality."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(2) Litter Containers.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MacSORLEY, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DAILLY:
"That the recommendation of the Committee be adopted."

CARRIED
COUNCILLORS
EDWARDS & HERD -
AGAINST.

REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

A report of the Traffic Safety Committee, attached to and forming part of these Minutes, was dealt with as follows:

(1) North side of Elwell Street adjacent Richmond Park.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HERD, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR EDWARDS:
"That the recommendation of the Committee be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(2) Wedgewood Street from Grandview-Douglas Highway to Sixth Street.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DAILLY, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR EDWARDS:
"That the recommendation of the Committee be adopted and further, that the complainant referred to in the report of the Committee be informed that it is proposed very shortly to apply dust laying oil to all gravelled streets and lanes in the Municipality."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCILLOR BLAIR ARRIVED AT THE MEETING.

- (3) Bus Zone - North-west corner of Hastings Street and Sperting Avenue.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MacSORLEY, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR EDWARDS:
"That the recommendation of the Committee be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (4) Hurst Street and Joffre Avenue.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HICKS, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HERD:
"That the recommendations of the Committee be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (5) Kensington Avenue from Union Street to Broadway.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DAILLY, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BLAIR:
"That the report of the Committee be received and the views of the Traffic Director, as contained in the report of the Committee, be endorsed."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (6) Sixth Street and Twelfth Avenue.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BLAIR, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HERD:
"That the recommendation of the Committee be adopted."

CARRIED
COUNCILLOR HICKS -
AGAINST.

- (7) McKay Avenue near Riverway West Elementary School.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MacSORLEY, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HERD:
"That the recommendation of the Committee be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MUNICIPAL MANAGER -- REPORT NO. 36, 1964.

Report No. 36, 1964 of the Municipal Manager, attached to and forming part of these Minutes, was dealt with as follows:

- (1) Investments.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MacSORLEY, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR EDWARDS:
"That the recommendation of the Manager be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (2) 1964 R.C.M.P. Band Tour - British Columbia.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BLAIR, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MacSORLEY:
"That the report of the Manager be received and Councillor Edwards, as the liaison with the Justice Department, be assigned the responsibility of determining the possibilities of the Band using other Park facilities in the Municipality for the Marching Ceremony and to also ascertain whether the Civil Defence Auxiliary Police can be used for exercising control

over the movement and parking of the vehicles that will be driven by those in attendance at the Ceremony."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (3) Lane Allowance between Union Street and Venables Street from Delta Avenue to a point approximately 132 feet west of Springer Avenue.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HICKS, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR EDWARDS:
"That the recommendations of the Manager be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (4) Comparative Costs for Water Pipe.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BLAIR, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MacSORLEY:
"That the report of the Manager be received."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (5) Heavy Equipment for Engineering Department.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BLAIR, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MacSORLEY:
"That the recommendation of the Manager concerning the purchase of two one ton "Tool Bodies" trucks be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BLAIR, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HERD:
"That all of the remaining recommendations of the Municipal Manager pertaining to the purchase of heavy equipment for the Engineering Department be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (6) Easements - (a) South 10 feet of Lot 5, Block 31, D. L. 57, Plan 1312 (Mardiros and Ishkanian).
(b) South 15 feet of Lot "A", Block 22, D.L. 159, Plan 12611 (Goodridge).
(c) South 15 feet of Lot "B", Block 22, D.L. 159, Plan 12611 (Heather).

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EDWARDS, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HERD:
"That the recommendation of the Municipal Manager be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (7) Estimates.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EDWARDS, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DAILLY:
"That the recommendation of the Manager be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(C) (a) South 20 feet of Lot 18, Block 5, D. L. 159, Plan 1219 (Taylor).

(b) West 15 feet of Lot 2, Block 22, D. L. 159, Plan 1241 (Terpsma).

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HERD, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR EDWARDS:
"That the recommendation of the Manager covering Item (a) be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR HERD, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MacSORLEY:
"That the recommendation of the Manager covering Item (b) be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(9) Agreement - Sewer Crossings of the B. C. Hydro and Power Authority Right-of-Way.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EDWARDS, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR HICKS:
"That the recommendation of the Manager be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(10) Lot 1, D. L. 74N $\frac{1}{2}$, Plan 3762 (Pearson).

While deliberating the subject matter of this report, the opinion was expressed that, since the Planning Committee is considering the type of screening that should be provided for the kind of operation proposed by Mr. Pearson during its considerations on the new Zoning By-law, the Council should carefully examine its past action on the application of Mr. Pearson before considering his request.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EDWARDS, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BLAIR:
"That the Chief Building Inspector be requested to offer an opinion on the condition attached to the approval of the subject application involving the erection of the masonry fence and he bear in mind that the proposed Zoning By-law may include a provision of this kind."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(11) Supply and Delivery of Gasoline, Diesel Oil and Kerosene.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BLAIR, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR EDWARDS:
"That the recommendation of the Manager be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Dailly then introduced the matter of the bus stop on the north side of Hastings Street at Fell Avenue. He suggested that the action taken by Council on April 13th was to instruct that the bus stop in question be relocated to one of the three positions listed in the minutes of the meeting held on April 13, 1964.

Councillor Dailly stated that he felt the presence of a gasoline service station at the north-west corner of Hastings Street and Fell Avenue dictated the need for the relocation because the topographic features of the site in relation to the sidewalk at the bus stop are such that a potential hazard exists due to the possibility of people on the sidewalk throwing lighted cigarettes or matches toward the pump island of the station while waiting for their bus or just before entering it.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DAILLY, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR EDWARDS:
"That the recorded decision of Council on April 13, 1964 concerning the matter of the bus stop on the north side of Hastings Street at Fell Avenue be rescinded and it be directed that the said stop be relocated to a mid-block position between Fell Avenue and the Avenue immediately west of it."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor MacSorley stated that he had received advice from Premier W.A.C. Bennett that the next Ferry to be built by the Provincial Government for service between the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island will be named "Queen of Burnaby".