

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

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AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Gentlemen:

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

The Advisory Planning Commission would report as follows:

(1) D.L. 86 (Buckingham Heights)

The Commission was made aware that Council has recently sold some lots in the above area.

We were also informed that Council is taking steps to ensure that a high standard of services is available to all properties in the area prior to them being sold.

The Commission is pleased to learn this and would like to place itself on record as supporting the imposition of adequate building restrictions on property in the Buckingham Heights area to ensure high-quality residential development.

(2) Reservation of land for park purposes

As Council is aware, the Commission last year recommended that consideration be given the possibility of acquiring the play lots mentioned in the "Maywood" report through the participation of the owners whose properties are proposed to be rezoned to multiple family use in such a manner as to achieve an equitable financial return for all owners whose properties are involved in the scheme for the "Maywood" area.

Our suggestion as to the means by which this could be achieved was that those building the apartments could be assessed proportionately for the cost of acquiring the play lots and the owners of these lots receive a monetary return equal to that which might have been yielded if their land was sold for the purpose of erecting an apartment thereon.

The Council was subsequently informed that Provincial legislation estops the municipality from requiring that a percentage of land being developed for apartment or other purposes be reserved as park space. We were advised that Council was hopeful that enabling legislation could be enacted by the Provincial Government which would make it possible to regard the provision of park space as a normal service.

The Commission would, at this time, urge Council to pursue the matter of obtaining legislation which would require that some of the land which is being developed for apartment or other purposes be reserved for park space.

(3) Official Regional Plan

The Commission was informed by the Lower Mainland Regional Planning Board that the Board has adopted the text of the "Official Regional Plan". We were also advised that the next phase was a review by each Municipal

Council of the Plan Text and its application to the municipality.

Approximately two years ago, members of the Commission plus members of the Municipal Council met with the then Executive Director of the Board, Mr. J. W. Wilson, to receive information relating to the Official Regional Plan.

It was the consensus of opinion of the Commission at that time that Council should ensure that no positive action is taken by the Board on the Plan without Council first giving the proposals covered by the Plan due consideration.

We would iterate our previous view and thereby suggest the Council keep a watching brief on the matter of the Official Regional Plan with the end in mind just indicated.

(4) Meetings of the Lower Mainland Regional Planning Board

Following our consideration of the last matter, it was suggested that Council should do all that is possible to ensure there is representation from the Burnaby Planning Department at all meetings of the Lower Mainland Regional Planning Board.

We feel it is imperative that representation from Burnaby be at those meetings and would therefore respectfully request that Council ensure this happens.

We appreciate, of course, that the Department is represented at most of the Board meetings now and our sole purpose is to make certain that this continues.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. Walker,
Chairman,
ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

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