

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

9 October 1970

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 59, 1970.

His Worship, the Mayor,
and Members of Council.

Gentlemen:

Your Manager reports as follows:

1 Re: No. 2 Supplementary Business
Tax Assessment Roll - 1970.

The second Supplementary Business Tax Roll for 1970 has now been completed and Assessment Notices have been mailed.

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This Roll is comprised of 107 accounts indicating a total annual rental value of \$720,020. The rental value for the portion of the year remaining is \$387,374 and at 6½% will produce \$25,179.

With deductions for license credits the additional revenue for 1970 will be approximately \$22,939.00.

2. Re: Social Welfare Per Capita Costs.

Submitted herewith is a review prepared by the Social Service Administrator for Burnaby.

This review provides a background of legislation under which the Department acts, which also includes the establishment of the formula for cost-sharing.

While soaring costs have certainly contributed to the greatly increased expenditures, the Administrator makes the valid point that it is the number of applicants due to economic and other conditions which is the major cause of greater cost of Social Assistance. It is unlikely that these costs can be contained with the constant pressure for improved allowances, enriched services etc., and while the recently-established figure of \$1.58 per capita is high enough to cause great concern over its impact on Municipal budgets, one must question how long even this high figure can be maintained.

Your Municipal Manager has always advocated that Municipalities should properly share in the cost of Social Welfare. Chief among several reasons for this rather unusual position for one in the Municipal field is that the magnitude of the cost of these programs can be only too easily lost sight of in the books of the Federal and Provincial Governments. All levels of Government contribute to the "Total Tax Load" and if any program grows excessively expensive to the people of the country due to such expense not being too apparent, all levels of Government suffer because of an impossible Total Tax Load. The Municipalities, as individual creatures, are much more sensitive to high imposts because of their smaller individual budgets. What is happening right now would appear to justify Municipal participation as it portrays very vividly the costs involved in this service.

Rec'd
But while contending that Municipal participation is justifiable, your Municipal Manager at the same time believes that there should be a maximum placed on the cost of such Municipal participation. Percentages are of no use because they can apply to constantly increasing gross costs. The only effective method of containing the cost of Municipal participation would be to establish a maximum mill figure for Social Welfare costs.

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3. Re: 6456 McKay Avenue.

There was a letter of complaint from H. L. McDonald concerning annoyance arising from 6456 McKay Avenue.

The premises were inspected outside on 30th September, 1970, and inside on 2nd October, 1970. In addition the renter and one tenant were interviewed in the Health Department Offices on 30th September, 1970.

The inside and outside of the house were satisfactory. The grounds were clean and orderly, no evidence of unsanitary garbage condition, or any evidence of rodents. Inside, the house was in good repair, reasonably clean and orderly, no evidence of vermin, all plumbing fixtures in good repair and water pressure satisfactory.

This property is zoned R5 and a total of 5 unrelated persons is permitted. The renter admitted there were 6 unrelated people and to this extent the Zoning By-law is violated.

Rec'd
At the interview the requirements and responsibilities of the renter, or householder covering unsightly premises, unsanitary conditions, number of occupants, pest and rodent control, garbage control etc. were explained to the renter. He agreed to maintain the required standards to the best of their ability.

4. Re: 5020 Boundary Road.

S.D. and A.I. McKillop wrote to Council on 23rd September, 1970, complaining about 5020 Boundary Road. The letter complained about a building permit issued 2 years ago for this property and also of wire-tapping, livestock, etc.

In 1966 Mr. P.E. Duffy, owner of the subject property, undertook to move an old existing dwelling back on his property in order to observe a conforming front yard for the future widening of Boundary Road, and in order to obtain a basement and other improvements to the dwelling for the needs of his family. The undertaking proved beyond the resources of Mr. Duffy, and it also proved to be unacceptable for mortgage purposes. Consequently work which had been commenced by Mr. Duffy, under permit, in the form of a new foundation and basement framing to take the moved house, and which had been going on from early 1966 until the middle of 1969, came to a standstill about one year ago.

Mr. Duffy has suffered setbacks in his attempt to improve the housing accommodation for his family.

Mr. Duffy has only had permits to move the old dwelling further back on his property, not to move it onto the boulevard. The larger foundation built is according to permit issued to Mr. Duffy and would have allowed for a substantial addition being made to the old dwelling had the move been accomplished. Mr. Duffy's ideas have changed since failing to get a mortgage for his building project and he now talks of building a new house entirely, thereafter demolishing the old dwelling. This action would entail the consent of the Zoning Board of Variance, but it is nowhere near a reality at this time and therefore immaterial to the complaint.

There has been no evidence of the livestock, and the wire-tapping activity alleged is B.C. Telephone Company responsibility.

As to the complaint in general about the property, it is agreed that the old dwelling must be a detraction to an appraisal of neighbouring properties, and the same must be true of the incomplete foundation structure. Otherwise the property looks neater than when viewed by Mr. Jones a year ago. A lawn has been developed in the back and front (unfortunately it is

4. Re: 5020 Boundary Road. (Cont'd)

all on the south side of the property away from the complainant's property). A rough dirt driveway still occupies the front of the property on the north side on which cars are parked immediately next and in front of the complainant's house. As of today, Mr. Duffy still speaks of constructing a new dwelling on his property, but due to personal family circumstances he is not able to offer a specific commencement date for his next attempt at housing improvement.

5. Re: Sale of Municipal Lots - Sapperton Area.

Lots 129 to 136 inclusive, D.L. 13, Plan 37458 were offered for sale by tender. Advertisements appeared in the Vancouver Sun on the 18th and 19th September, 1970 with bids closing at 5:00 p.m. local time, 7th October, 1970.

Eleven bids were received and opened in the presence of the Land Agent and the Deputy Municipal Treasurer.

The following is a tabulation of the bids received:

	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. W.H. Bell 1240 Gilmore Avenue, Burnaby 2	133	\$ 7,000.00
2. J. Taylor 6905 Brooks, Vancouver 16	134	11,750.00
3. Florence M. Bitzer 7183 16th Avenue, Burnaby 3	133	8,755.00
4. Florence M. Bitzer 7183 16th Avenue, Burnaby 3	134	9,185.00
5. G. Poffenroth 7185 16th Avenue, Burnaby 3	132	3,026.00
6. P. Skwarok 6043 Acacia Avenue, Burnaby 1	136	7,300.00
7. Burnaby Housing Enterprises Ltd. 5416 Buckingham Avenue, Burnaby 2	129 130 131 132 133 134 135 136	9,100.00 9,300.00 9,500.00 9,500.00 9,500.00 9,500.00 9,500.00 9,500.00
8. J. Loepky 4772 Portland Street, Burnaby 1	133	7,550.00
9. J. Loepky 4772 Portland Street, Burnaby 1	134	3,750.00
10. John Dyck 1190 Delta Avenue, Burnaby 2	133	9,100.00
11. Greg Investments 6376 Burns Street, Burnaby 1	135 132	8,657.50 7,853.00

It is recommended that the property be awarded to the high bidder in each case as follows:

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5. Re: Sale of Municipal Lots - Sapperton Area. (Cont'd.)

Lot 129	Burnaby Housing Enterprises Ltd.	\$ 9,100.00
Lot 130	" " " "	9,300.00
Lot 131	" " " "	9,500.00
Lot 132	" " " "	9,500.00
Lot 133	" " " "	9,500.00
Lot 134	J. Taylor, 6905 Brooks, Vancouver 16	11,750.00
Lot 135	Burnaby Housing Enterprises Ltd.	9,500.00
Lot 136	" " " "	9,500.00

6. Re: Frontage Requirements.
Subdivision Reference No. 37/70
D.L. 135, Lot 35, Plan 4434.

Subdivision No. 37/70 is located on the west side of Duthie Avenue and is the sixth lot south of Kitchener Street. See attached sketches.

One of the lots created by the subdivision cannot meet the requirements of Section 712(1) of the Municipal Act which requires that a lot have a frontage of not less than 10% of its perimeter.

Section 712(2) of the Act empowers Council to waive the requirements of Section 712(1).

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It is recommended that the requirements of Section 712(1) of the Act be waived as they apply to Subdivision No. 37/70.

7: Re: Acquisition of Easement - Lot 290, D.L. 58
(Plan number to be assigned) - Subdivision Ref. 88/70.

An easement is required, in order to finalize a subdivision, over a portion of Lot 290, D.L. 58, Plan number to be assigned at time of registration of subdivision) from the following:

Old Legal: Lot "A", S.D. 7, Block 1, D.L. 58, Plan 21001

Details of Ownership: The Director,
The Veterans Land Act
Regional Office
1231 Haro Street
Vancouver, B. C.

Leonard Cassen Gore - Rental Manager for Brentwood Dodge Ltd.
of 3027 Government Street
Burnaby, B. C.

The easement is required for sewer installations and is to be provided at no cost to the Corporation.

The property is located at 3027 Government Street, Burnaby, B. C.

MS
It is recommended that authority be granted to acquire the above easement and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the easement documents on behalf of the Corporation.

8. Re: Special Report from Municipal Assessor.

The Municipal Assessor reports that newspaper items have indicated that the Premier of British Columbia is planning to limit increases in individual assessments to 10% per year commencing with the 1971 Assessment Roll.

Further details are not available to the Municipal Assessor at this time but as soon as they are a more complete report will be submitted to the Council.

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A copy of the Municipal Assessor's report is attached.

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9. Re: Tenders for 10th Avenue Water Main.

The Municipal Manager's Report No. 49, Item 23, recommended the award of a contract to Manson Bros. Construction Limited for the construction of the reservoir at 10th Avenue and 20th Street. In that report it was recommended that certain items be deleted from the Manson contract because it was felt that more favourable costs could be attained for those particular items.

Subsequently at its meeting of 18 September 1970, the Council awarded the contract for the tank to Manson Bros. Construction Limited.


Tenders were called for the supply and installation of the water main portion of the contract and these tenders were received up to 10:00 a.m. local time Friday, 9 October 1970, and were opened by the Purchasing Agent in the presence of Mr. V. Kennedy, Mr. R. Constable, and representatives of the firms bidding.

Submitted herewith is a tabulation of the tenders received.

These tenders have been reviewed.

It is recommended that the low tender submitted by F. W. Monssen Construction Limited of \$73,143.00 be accepted with final payment to be based on actual quantities and unit prices tendered.

Respectfully submitted,


for H. W. Balfour,
MUNICIPAL MANAGER.

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Attachs.

Mr. Fountain

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10. Re: Street Improvement Contract No. 1, 1970.
Imperial Paving Limited.

Imperial Paving Limited contract called for completion of the projects in the contract by 15th August, 1970.

Because of lost time due to strikes and lock-outs, particularly in the concrete industry, Imperial Paving Limited has over-run the completion date and has applied for an extension.

Appd.
It is recommended that an extension of time to 21st October 1970 be granted and that no application be made of the \$100 per day liquidated damages clause until the 22nd October, 1970.

Respectfully submitted,



E. A. Fountain,
for MUNICIPAL MANAGER.

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