

Monday, January 9, 1956.

A regular meeting of the Municipal Council was held in the Council Chambers, 1930 Kingsway, on Monday, January 9, 1956 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Reeve MacSorley in the Chair; Councillors W. P. Philips, Charlton, Drummond F. Philips, and Morrison.

Rev. L. J. Hankinson led in the Opening Prayer.

Canadian Temple of the More Abundant Life wrote with reference to their application for relief from payment of tax penalties requesting an opportunity for a delegation to speak to the Council relative to this matter. The delegation appeared.

Moved by Cr. W. P. Philips, seconded by Cr. Drummond "That the delegation be heard."

Carried Unanimously.

The spokesman for the delegation appealed to the Council for relaxation in the regulations concerning tax penalties. The speaker admitted that his organization was somewhat at fault in not complying with the deadline for tax payments but the reason for non-payment was that tax notices had not been received. A request was again placed before the Council to pass a Resolution relaxing the regulation applicable to payment of tax penalties. It was pointed out that the organization was dedicated to humanitarian purposes and was a non-profit organization.

Councillor W. P. Philips advised the delegation that the Council did not have the required authority to rebate such penalties and further that to honour the Temple's request would set a dangerous precedent in that similar applications from individual tax-payers would have to be entertained. Mr. Philips expressed surprise at the stand taken by Provincial Government officials when they advised they would be prepared to recommend the necessary Order-in-Council if the Municipal Council passed the appropriate resolution.

Moved by Cr. W. P. Philips, seconded by Cr. Charlton "That the delegation be thanked for their appearance and that the Temple be advised of the impossibility of the Council to grant their request."

Carried Unanimously.

Secretary, North Burnaby Board of Trade wrote advising of the adoption of a Resolution by their Board concerning the widening of Hastings Street and requesting an opportunity for the President of the Board to speak to the Council in this regard.

The delegation appeared.

Moved by Cr. Morrison, seconded by Cr. W. P. Philips "That the spokesman for the delegation be heard."

Carried Unanimously.

2 Mr. Tom Blake spoke addressing the Council, stressing the urgency of road widening improvements along Hastings Street, pointing out that the present situation was a detriment to the commercial expansion. It was the contention of the spokesman that the amount of work done on the widening project was small in proportion to the area served. It was submitted that the problem was primarily a Municipality responsibility and that the Council should proceed regardless of whether or not support was forthcoming from the Provincial Government.

The spokesman made the following three requests:

- (1) That the Council proceed immediately on its own responsibility to obtain the required right-of-way.
- (2) That an appropriation of Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) be set up during 1956 in addition to the Forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000.00) appropriated in 1955.
- (3) That an over-all comprehensive plan of development be prepared along East Hastings Street from Boundary Road to Cliff Avenue.

Moved by Cr. W. P. Philips, seconded by Cr. Charlton "That the delegation be thanked for their appearance and that the Board be advised that the submissions made would be taken into full consideration."

Carried Unanimously.

3 Royal Oak Old Age Pensioners' Organization submitted a request that an approach be made by the Council to the B.C. Electric requesting the routing of a bus nearer the Burnaby General Hospital during hospital visiting hours.

Moved by Cr. Morrison, seconded by Cr. Drummond "That the letter be received and referred to the Transportation Committee to take up with the B.C. Electric Company."

Carried Unanimously.

1 G. A. Taylor, owner of Lot 7, Block 10, J.L. 121 submitted a proposal to the Council whereby he would exchange his property for a Corporation-owned lot situated along Hastings and Fell Avenue, pointing out that such an exchange would permit the use of the North twenty feet of his Lot 7, for road widening purposes.

Moved by Cr. Drummond, seconded by Cr. W. P. Philips "That the letter be received and the proposal contained therein be referred to the Engineer for consideration and report."

Carried Unanimously.

2 John Armstrong wrote complaining that he was required to pay the sum of \$71.00 for a sewer connection whereas others in an adjoining block had been required to pay only a fee of \$41.00. The writer requested that in view of his financial difficulties he be granted a connection for the latter amount.

Moved by Cr. F. Philips, seconded by Cr. W. P. Philips "That the letter be received and referred to the Chief Administrative Officer for reply advising of the situation with regard to the increased sewer connection fee."

Carried Unanimously.

3 Ken W. Merton wrote protesting the increase in assessments as indicated by his recent assessment notice, requesting information on the responsibility of the Council for such increase.

Moved by Cr. Charlton, seconded by Cr. F. Philips "That the letter be received and referred to the Municipal Assessor for reply."

Carried Unanimously.

4 The Burnaby Citizens' Association submitted a request that their Association be provided with copies of the Minutes of Council meetings.

Moved by Cr. Morrison, seconded by Cr. F. Philips "That the letter be received and that the Association be advised of the Council's inability to accede to their request and of the statutory provisions made for examination and extracts from minutes."

Carried Unanimously.

Village Clerk, Corporation of the Village of Squamish wrote requesting the Council's endorsement of the following resolution relative to the use of Fireworks:

5 "RESOLVED that the U.V.C.M. request the PROVINCIAL Government to make it unlawful throughout the Province of British Columbia for any dealer to sell, dispose of, or give to any minor under the age of eighteen years any firecrackers of any kind, and any dealer having or offering for sale any such fireworks shall display in a prominent location, in the place where any such fireworks are displayed or offered for sale a notice that no fireworks of any kind shall be sold to any minor under the age of eighteen years;

AND THAT it be unlawful to fire or set off any fireworks within the Province without first obtaining a permit from the Municipality or from the Province to do so."

Moved by Cr. Morrison, seconded by Cr. Charlton "That the letter be received and the Resolution be endorsed."

Carried Unanimously.

6 The Secretary-Treasurer, Burnaby School Board, requested that the Council set up a Committee to meet with the Grounds Committee of their Board to discuss siting of a proposed new composite Senior High School to be located in Central Burnaby.

Moved by Cr. W. P. Philips, seconded by Cr. Drummond "That the letter be received and the request of the Board be complied with and that His Worship, the Reeve, make the necessary arrangements for a meeting."

Carried Unanimously.

The Committee appointed included His Worship, Reeve MacSorely, Councillor Morrison and W. P. Philips.

7 B.C. Electric Company Limited wrote advising that they had made arrangements to locate their Natural Gas City Gate on a site in the Municipality of Surrey and that it would now desire to withdraw the application to rezone The Company's gravel pit property within the Municipality as set forth in their letter of 9th May 1955.

Moved by Cr. Morrison, seconded by Cr. F. Philips "That the letter be received."

Carried Unanimously.

1 Burnaby Cabaret Association submitted a request that the Trades License fees governing cabarets be reduced and brought into line in ratio to other Business firms in Burnaby.

Moved by Cr. W. P. Philips, seconded by Cr. Drummond "That the letter be received and that a Licence Committee be appointed to consider this and other matters pertaining to Trade Licences."

Carried Unanimously.

The Committee appointed included Councillors Hean, F. Philips and Drummond.

2 Greater Vancouver Tourist Association wrote advising their office was in receipt of complaints from visitors of their inability to properly locate main highways upon leaving a Municipality or to locate business sections when entering the Municipality. The Association suggested that the Council consider installing signs along strategic highways directing visitors to these points.

Moved by Cr. Drummond, seconded by Cr. Morrison "That the letter be received and referred to the Traffic and Traffic Safety Committee for consideration and report."

Carried Unanimously.

Electrical Inspectors Association of British Columbia submitted advice of their 7th Annual Conference on February 17th extending an invitation to members of the electrical inspection staff to attend.

Moved by Cr. Morrison, seconded by Cr. F. Philips "That the letter be received and that the Chief Building Inspector be empowered to appoint one Inspector to attend this conference."

Carried Unanimously.

3 The Union of B. C. Municipalities submitted an account in the amount of \$300.00 covering Membership Fees for the year 1956.

Moved by Cr. Morrison, seconded by Cr. Charlton "That the account be paid."

Carried Unanimously.

4 Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities submitted an account in the amount of \$232.00 covering membership fees for the year 1956.

Moved by Cr. W. P. Philips, seconded by Cr. F. Philips "That the account be paid."

Carried Unanimously.

5 Public Administration Service submitted an account in the amount of \$1,350.00 for services rendered by their organization in connection with the Efficiency Survey during the month of November, 1955.

Moved by Cr. Morrison, seconded by Cr. F. Philips "That the account be paid."

Carried Unanimously.

6 Journal of Commerce submitted advice of the Annual Publication of their Year Book and soliciting advertising space from the Council.

Moved by Cr. W. P. Philips, seconded by Cr. F. Philips "That the letter be received and this matter be laid over for further consideration."

Carried Unanimously.

7 Mutual Estates Limited submitted an application for approval of Lots 17 and 18, Block 6, J.L. 151/3 for customer parking purposes in connection with the operation of a business by Weska Limited, advising that the parking area would be used by tenants of the Block and by customers for the store. The applicants requested permission to erect carports for the tenants in addition to supplying open parking space.

Moved by Cr. Charlton, seconded by Cr. F. Philips "That the letter be received and permission be granted subject to the approval of the Building Inspector."

Carried Unanimously.

Councillor Morrison withdrew from the meeting.

Tenders were received for Sewer Pipe and Fittings for the J.L. 117 sewer project:

Tender No. 1	\$4,565.43	- partial supply.
Tender No. 2A	6,409.99	- partial supply.
Tender No. 2B	8,684.57	
Tender No. 3	4,127.53	- partial supply
Tender No. 4	3,785.74	- partial supply
Tender No. 5		
Tender No. 6	1,836.18	- partial supply

8 Moved by Cr. F. Philips, seconded by Cr. Charlton "That the tenders be received and referred to a Committee of the Engineer and Purchasing Agent for tabulation and recommendation."

Carried Unanimously.

The Municipal Assessor submitted the 1956 Assessment Roll as follows:

Total value of land		\$35,141,315.
Less:		
Exemptions	\$ 3,474,801	
Land acquired at Tax Sale	<u>3,195,989</u>	<u>6,670,710.</u>
Taxable Land.		\$ 26,470,605.
Total value of Bldgs. Structures, etc.		\$ 113,690,537.
Machinery		<u>9,646,650.</u>
Total value of Improvements		\$ 123,337,187.

Less:		
Exempt Bldgs. Structures, Etc.	8,979,360.	
Tax Sale Bldgs. Etc.	223,190	
Exempt. Machy (Corp.)	4550.	
Tax Sale Machinery	12,900.	
Exempt. Mach. (\$1500. clause)	<u>389,190</u>	<u>9,609,190.</u>

Taxable Improvements \$ 113,727,997.

Improvement of telephone (2% of revenue clause) electric light, electric power, gas, street railway etc. \$ 3,789,370.

Moved by Cr. F. Philips, seconded by Cr. W.P. Philips "That the return be received."

Carried Unanimously.

The Municipal Engineer reported that it was proposed to utilize Lot 4, Block 16, J.L. 117th as the site for a sewer pumping station, requesting that a reserve be placed on this lot for this purpose.

Moved by Cr. Charlton, seconded by Cr. W.P. Philips "That the report of the Municipal Engineer be adopted."

Carried Unanimously.

Cr. Merrison returned to the meeting.

The Fire Chief submitted an application for permission to purchase a two-way radio for installation in the new Triple Combination pumper at an approximate cost of \$800.00. The Fire Chief further advised that the appointment of a Second Deputy Chief had rendered it essential that another car be provided to maintain the efficiency of the Department, and requested that the use of a car be provided pending submission of the yearly estimates.

Moved by Cr. Merrison, seconded by Cr. W.P. Philips "That the report of the Fire Chief be adopted and the recommendations of the Fire Chief be complied with."

Carried,
Cr. Drummond voting against

The Transportation Committee submitted a report on the following matters referred to their Committee for consideration during 1955:

- (1) Application of F.R.N. Towle for installation of a bus stop on Fir St and Smith Avenue. Recommendation that the bus stop at Spruce Street for southbound buses be eliminated and that a bus stop be established at Fir St. and Smith Avenue for southbound buses.
- (2) Application of B.C. Electric Railway Limited to relocate bus stop on Hastings Street, far side of Willingden Avenue, for westbound buses. Recommended.
- (3) Application of B.C. Electric Railway Limited to remove south bound stop on Gilmore at far side of Albert Street. Recommended.

Moved by Cr. Drummond, seconded by Cr. Merrison "That the recommendations of the Committee be adopted."

Carried Unanimously.

The Municipal Solicitor submitted a report on a claim presented by J.H. Taylor, 1277 Hilda Street, for damage to the element of his hot water tank which burned out, as a result of the water supply being shut off without notice. Having regard to the circumstances, while denying liability on the part of the Municipality, the Solicitor recommended that the claimant be paid the sum of \$27.51 in full settlement.

Moved by Cr. F. Philips, seconded by Cr. Merrison "That the recommendation of the Solicitor be adopted."

Carried Unanimously.

The Municipal Solicitor submitted a report with regard to the Deputy Police Magistrate's salary advising that the Deputy had acted during the absence of the Magistrate and the Order-in-Council appointing Mr. J. J. Hume did not fix his salary. The Solicitor advised that Mr. Hume had suggested payment at the rate of \$40.00 for a full court day. By comparison, the Deputy's predecessor had been paid \$25.00 for what usually was one-half day. The Attorney-General's Department recently fixed the salary of the Deputy Judge of the Family and Juvenile Court in Vancouver at \$44.00 per day. The Solicitor recommended that the salary of \$40.00 per day be paid in this instance.

Moved by Cr. F. Philips, seconded by Cr. Charlton "That the recommendation of the Solicitor be adopted and that in future hirings of the Deputy Police Magistrate reference be made to the Council where the term of duty of the Deputy is to be in excess of two weeks."

Carried Unanimously.

The Chief Building Inspector submitted a report on the operations of his Department for the period, December 2 to December 29, 1955.

Moved by Cr. Morrison, seconded by Cr. W.P. Philips "That the report be received."

Carried Unanimously.

The Property Manager submitted a report covering the operations of his Department for the months of November and December, 1955.

Moved by Cr. Morrison, seconded by Cr. W.P. Philips "That the report be received."

Carried Unanimously.

The Property Manager submitted a report on Property Sales for the year 1955.

Moved by Cr. Morrison, seconded by Cr. F. Philips "That the report be received."

Carried Unanimously.

2 The Property Manager advised that Municipal House No. 3 Burnet had been vacated and that inspection by the Building Department revealed the structure was unsound and should be demolished. The Property Manager recommended that tenders be called for demolition.

Moved by Cr. Charlton, seconded by Cr. W.P. Philips "That the recommendation of the Property Manager be adopted."

Carried Unanimously.

3 The Special Committee appointed to inquire into the availability of land for housing development in conjunction with the proposed golf course on Burnaby Mountain submitted information that it would be impossible to set aside sufficient land for a housing development of the extent requested in the area without encroaching upon the reserve set up for Burnaby Mountain park site. The Committee advised there was a possibility of obtaining the desired land in small parcels distributed throughout the Municipality. The Committee suggested that if the Council was interested in proceeding with development of a golf course utilizing this method that consideration be given to the latter suggestion.

Moved by Cr. F. Philips, seconded by Cr. Drummond "That the report be received and referred to the Committee of the Whole."

Carried Unanimously.

The Fire Chief submitted a report of the activities of his Department for the month of December, 1955.

Moved by Cr. F. Philips, seconded by Cr. W.P. Philips "That the report be received."

Carried Unanimously.

The Engineer submitted Estimates of Work for the two week period, January 9th to 22nd, 1956 as follows:

Board of Works - General - \$167,573.63

Moved by Cr. Charlton, seconded by Cr. Drummond "That estimates as submitted be approved."

Carried Unanimously.

The Engineer submitted Estimates of Work for the two week period, January 9th to 22nd, 1956 as follows:

Water Works - General - \$55,890.00

Moved by Cr. Morrison, seconded by Cr. F. Philips "That estimates as submitted be approved."

Carried Unanimously.

The Engineer submitted Estimates of Work for the two week period, January 9th to 22nd, 1956 as follows:

Parks-General-\$2,600.00

Moved by Cr. Morrison, seconded by Cr. F. Philips "That estimates as submitted be approved."

Carried Unanimously.

The Engineer submitted Estimates of Work for the two weekperiod, January 9th to 22nd as follows:

Health and Sanitation-General-\$8,000.00

Moved by Cr. Drummond, seconded by Cr. Charlton That the estimates as submitted be approved.

Carried Unanimously.

STAFF LAND SALE COMMITTEE REPORT

Your Committee met on January 6, 1956 and dealt with the following applications:

- 1 (1) Application of L. Punnett to purchase Lots C, J and E of S.D. 19, Block 2, J.L.74S; situated on south side of Scheu Street, 123' east of Royal Oak.

This property was the subject of a report early in 1955 when it was recommended no sale be considered until such time as land to the east of this property be subdivided in order to provide for an outlet for Scheu Street.

Your Committee recommends previous action be re-affirmed.

- 2 (2) Application of Bassett Holdings Ltd. to purchase Lots 3 to 6 Blk. 11 and Lots 15 and 16, Blk. 8, J.L.76 situated on North and south sides of Woodsworth St. between Gedwin and Norland. The estimated costs of services (water, read and lane) to serve this property amount to \$4,625.00 and said services will also serve several parcels of privately owned land.

Your Committee recommends tenders be invited for this property with an upset price of \$9,000.00 sale to cover entire property.

- 3 (3) Application of John McRae to purchase Lots 1 to 6 and 14 to 16, S.D. 2 Blk. 16, J.L.79, situated on East and West sides of Grace St. north of Roberts.

The Planning Department recommend that before any land in this vicinity be sold an overall plan should be prepared, particularly as portions of above described property will be required for road purposes.

Your Committee recommend this land be reserved from sale pending re-planning.

- 4 (4) Application of E. W. Morris to purchase Lots 7 to 12, S.D. 8 Blks. 9/10 and Lots 24 to 26 and 28 to 35, S.D. 1 to 6 and 9 & 10 of Blks. 9 and 10, J.L.80N; situated on an unnamed and unopened street west of Norland. The said unopened street dead ends approximately 300 feet west of Norland Ave and has a slope towards Norland. The opening up of this street will require the acquisition of a right-of-way from the "dead end" to Norland, a distance of 300 feet, and at present houses are situated in line with said right of way.

Your Committee recommend property be withheld from sale until such time as property on Norland is subdivided to provide road allowance to Norland Ave.

- 5 (5) Application of C. Hill to purchase Lots 1 to 6, and S.D. 48/49, Blks. 1 and 3, J.L.95; situated on South side of 18th Ave. from 19th St. east. This property is traversed by a water course and, in the opinion of the Planning Department, it might be desirable to utilize said lots for Parks purposes.

Your Committee recommend land be reserved from sale pending consideration by Parks Commission.

- 6 (6) Application of Ernest Dann Ltd. to purchase Lot 8, Blk. 14, J.L.117 situated on south side of Graveley St. 100' west of Ingleton Ave. in Heavy Industrial zone. The Applicant wishes to use this property as a storage yard. The estimated cost of services (water and read) amounts to \$1545.00 which services will serve no other property.

Your Committee recommend property be reserved from sale pending further development of privately owned land in vicinity when said lot might make it possible for some larger type of industry to be established thereon in conjunction with the privately owned land adjacent thereto.

- 7 (7) Application of J. Douglas Pipe to purchase Blk. 12, J.L.44/78/131/138 situated on west side of Phillips Ave. 852.72 feet south of Loughheed Highway. The applicant states in his application he desires to use land for industrial purposes which would require rezoning.

This property was subject of a report in 1954 when application was rejected for housing due to nature of land and drainage conditions. Recommendation is to reserve land for industrial purposes.

Moved by Cr. F. Philips, seconded by Cr. W. P. Philips "That the report of the Staff Land Sale Committee be adopted."

Carried Unanimously.

The Chief Licence Inspector submitted a report of the activities of his Department for the month of December, 1955.

Moved by Cr. W.P. Philips, seconded by Cr. Drummond "That the report be received."

Carried Unanimously.

The Municipal Clerk brought forward Town Planning Commission report of December 16, 1955 referring particularly to Item 4 dealing with an application for rezoning of property at southwest corner of Newcombe and 16th ~~Street~~ Avenue for gasoline service station purposes. The Clerk reported this matter had been tabled to this meeting from the Council meeting of December 19, 1955.

Moved by Cr. W.P. Philips, seconded by Cr. Merrison "That this item be tabled further pending a report of the Provincial Department of Highways on the future use of Newcombe Street as a principal traffic artery."

Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Cr. Merrison, seconded by Cr. W.P. Philips "That "Burnaby Land Acquisition By-law 1966" be now introduced and that the Council sit as a Committee of the Whole with the Reeve in the Chair to consider the by-law."

Carried Unanimously.

The Reeve asked the question: "What is your pleasure with this by-law?"

Moved by Cr. Merrison, seconded by Cr. W.P. Philips "That the by-law be read by short title."

Carried Unanimously

Moved by Cr. Merrison, seconded by Cr. W.P. Philips "That the Committee rise and report the by-law complete without amendment."

Carried Unanimously.

The Council re-convened.

Moved by Cr. Merrison, seconded by Cr. W. P. Philips "That "Burnaby Land Acquisition By-law 1956" be now passed."

Carried Unanimously.

Moved by Cr. Drummond, seconded by Cr. W.P. Philips "That Councillors Hean and Hughes be granted Leave of Absence from this meeting."

Carried Unanimously.

The Municipal Clerk brought forward a proposed subdivision plan of property east of ~~Amherstburg~~ Cumberland Road between Whitworth and Elks Avenue, designated as Sheet No. 34 under date of December 29, 1955 requesting the Council's consideration of approval of the subdivision of the subject land in accordance with the said sheet.

Moved by Cr. F. Philips, seconded by Cr. Merrison "That the proposed subdivision plan be approved in accordance with Sheet No. 34 dated December 29, 1955."

Carried,

Cr. Drummond voting against.

The meeting then adjourned.

Confirmed:

William B. Brown
Clerk.

John MacVerry
Reeve.