THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

September 17, 1965

HIS WORSHIP THE REEVE
AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Gentlemen:

REPORT OF THE POLICY/PLANNING COMMITTEE

Your Committee, as briefly reported to the last meeting of Council, met on Monday afternoon, September 13th and gave consideration inter alia to the following item:

Sewer Levies

At a recent meeting the Council asked the Municipal Manager to review the situation regarding the date when the sewer frontage tax should be placed on the Tax Roll.

The Manager reported to your Committee that the present policy is that the Assessor should use the 31st of December of the previous year when compiling his roll for Frontage Tax. This means there is no levy in the actual year the service is provided although it would be lawful to make a double sewer frontage tax in the following year. There can be no apportionment of the tax which is $21.00 per year.

Your Committee were fully informed of the reasoning behind the existing policy and the many factors which have changed since its inception. They feel that a compromise should be reached by amending the cut-off date to 30th April, for 1966 and subsequent years, and they so recommend to Council. It is felt that this new date would allow another four months of construction and would remove the possibility of bad publicity over double taxation. In effect, it means that if the facility is brought into use by the proposed cut-off date, the user will pay $21.00 for that and subsequent years. If it is not in service and is brought into use between May and December, no charge will be made for that portion of the year. It is anticipated that this suggested policy would create an additional revenue of $56,700.00 in 1966.

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