

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

November 24, 1967

HIS WORSHIP, THE REEVE,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Gentlemen:

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

The Commission has recently given consideration to the voting status of its Ex Officio members with the intent that they may participate more fully in the matters that come before this body. Whilst the Commission is of the opinion that there should be some amendment to the Advisory Planning Commission By-Law in this respect, they are firm in the view that any change should apply only to those Ex Officio members who are not elected members of Council. The status on the Commission of the Reeve and Chairman of the Policy/Planning Committee would, therefore, remain unchanged. I would point out that the ex officio capacity of the latter position is taken up by the Council liaison member for Planning.

In the light of the above proposal, the question of the quorum as specified in the Advisory Planning Commission By-Law was also reviewed. We are of the opinion that the requirements in this respect should also be amended to include Ex Officio members authorized to vote in addition to the appointed members of the Commission. It was also considered that there would be advantage in amending the constituted quorum to represent 50% of the voting members of the Commission. The present quorum requirements call for a majority of members appointed by Council.

The amendments proposed above are intended to engender greater interest in the affairs of the Commission and allow its function to proceed with a smoother continuity of action and purpose.

It is noted in Section 5(c) of the By-Law, that a representative of the Provincial Government shall also be an Ex Officio member of the Commission. It is understood, however, that the Provincial Government in replying to the invitation extended them on the inception of the Commission, explicitly expressed the opinion that no representative of the government should serve on such a body. The reference to delegating an Ex Officio representative of the Provincial Government is superfluous to the By-Law and should, therefore, be removed.

Pursuant to the above, the Commission would recommend that the following amendments be effected to the "Burnaby Advisory Planning Commission By-Law 1965" (C/L #4473):

- (1) That all reference to the delegating of a representative of the Province of British Columbia as an Ex Officio member to the Commission be deleted from the By-Law.
- (2) That the Ex Officio members delegated by the Board of School Trustees, School District No. 41 (Burnaby), the Parks and Recreation Commission and Simon Fraser University, be allowed the right to vote on all matters coming before the Commission in the same manner as appointed members.
- (3) That the Ex Officio members referred to in (2) above, be counted with the Commissioners appointed by Council when arriving at the quorum specified by the By-Law.

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- (4) That the present quorum requirements be amended to read:

"That 50% of the voting members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum."

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. Walker,  
CHAIRMAN.

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