

SEPTEMBER 10, 1970

An adjourned meeting of the Municipal Council was held in the Council Chambers, Municipal Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby 2, B. C. on Thursday, September 10, 1970 at 6:30 pm.

PRESENT: His Worship, Mayor Prittie, in the Chair;
Aldermen Clark, Drummond, Herd, Ladner,
Mercier and McLean;

ABSENT: Aldermen Blair and Dailly;

Consideration was given a report presented by Alderman Ladner at the August 10th Council meeting dealing with the Planning Department Work Programme.

The Planning Director also presented a supplement to the report submitted by Alderman Ladner.

The following comments were made during the consideration given the subject at hand:

- (1) The report was, in the main, precipitated by interest being shown by people about developing land in the Burnaby Mountain Area.
- (2) The Council, to a certain extent, loses control of Planning matters when studies are initiated by the Planning Department and therefore should know in advance of any such studies so as to be in a position to better regulate the work load of the Planning Department.
- (3) Perhaps the Planning Department, or any other, should first report to Council whenever it is felt a major study should be embarked upon so that Council can indicate its reaction at this stage. In other words, Council should direct the "talents" of its staff in such directions as are deemed necessary or desirable.
- (4) The criteria for determining the type of matters that should come to Council before being begun by a Department should be the number of man-days involved and the associated costs, plus the justification for such studies.
- (5) Another course of action which could be followed is for all departments to report monthly to their Council Liaisons on major studies that are proposed to be undertaken.
- (6) It sometimes seems that much of the work produced by the Planning Department, and sometimes others, is superfluous, or the studies made are not acted upon by Council because of the lack of justification.

- (7) If Council is not to exercise guidance such as that suggested, the Municipal Manager should determine the work programmes of the Planning and other Departments.
- (8) Some of the studies undertaken by the Planning Department are considered to be basic research, while others indirectly emanate from actions taken by Council on related matters.
- (9) Many of the studies proposed to be initiated by the Planning Department are designated in the report of Alderman Ladner as being for the distant future.
- (10) The report of Alderman Ladner does not relate in any way to the availability of staff to do the studies, although it is appreciated that this information should be shown along with the length of time required to complete the studies.
- (11) The Municipal Manager always knows about the work programme of the Planning Department.
- (12) The staff needs for the Planning Department, and others, should be determined during consideration of the Budget each spring so as to regulate, at least for that year, the work to be produced by that Department or Departments.
- (13) There may be some merit in returning to the Committee system of Government, such as existed prior to the institution of the Manager system, or some modification of the Committee method.
- (14) The Planning Department endeavors to foresee land use problems and submits reports designed to forestall such situations.

MOVED BY ALDERMAN LADNER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MERCIER:
"That the Special Committee studying the Procedural By-law examine the ramifications of the Committee system versus the Manager system of operating the business of the municipality."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN MERCIER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HERD:
"That the report presented by Alderman Ladner, plus the supplementary one submitted this evening by the Planning Department, relating to the priorities to be assigned the Work Programme of the said Department be endorsed."

MOVED BY ALDERMAN HERD, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CLARK:
"That the previous motion be amended by deleting the designation in Alderman Ladner's Report relating to Item VI (6) and replacing that with the proposal of the Planning Department that this item be designated A1 in the List of Priorities."

CARRIED

AGAINST -- ALDERMEN MERCIER
AND LADNER

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A vote was then taken on the Original Motion, as amended, and it was Carried Unanimously.

As a result of a suggestion by Alderman Clark, the Planning Department was asked to consult with both the Fire Chief and the Liaison with the Planning Department when preparing an updated version of the Original Fire Hall Report of 1961.

MOVED BY ALDERMAN MERCIER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN McLEAN:
"That the Planning Department submit an updated report on its work programme to Council by January 31, 1971, and include in it estimated completion dates for the projects and the number of man-hours required in connection with the undertaking of the projects involved."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN HERD, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MERCIER:
"That the meeting now adjourn until Monday, September 14, 1970 at 7:00 p.m."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Confirmed:

Certified correct:


MAYOR


CLERK

EW/hb

