

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

November 10, 1970

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR,
AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

Gentlemen:

Re: 1971 Assessment Roll

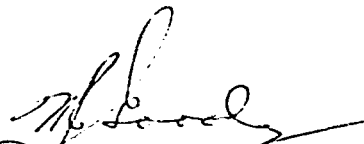
Following my report to Council on October 9, a letter was received from the Assessment Commissioner confirming the Minister of Finance's press release stating that a limitation of 10% is to be imposed on individual assessed values. The legislation is to be introduced in the spring of 1971 and will be effective retroactively on 1971 assessed values. The Assessment Commissioner advises Assessors to examine their operations in order to comply with the intended legislation and to complete Assessment Rolls so that later alterations will be minimal.

The Assessment Commissioner also indicated that he doesn't believe General Purpose values will be affected by this limitation.

The Solicitor advises that when completing the Roll I must be guided by legislation as it exists now rather than as it is expected to be. I have statutory obligations to perform and must sign a declaration that I have carried these out according to existing legislation.

I have been considering possible alternative ways of completing the 1971 Roll, and there appears to be no practical method of doing it so as to comply with both the existing and the proposed legislation. I intend, therefore, to complete the Roll as originally planned before the announcement was made and then make the necessary changes to it after the proposed legislation is passed.

The indication at present is that more than 20,000 values will have to be changed. Possible computer programs to assist in making these changes are being considered, but final decisions about the details of how the changes will be incorporated into the Roll will have to be postponed until more is known about the proposed legislation. Such considerations as appeal procedures and a possible requirement that all changes to the Roll must be made by hand can have a profound effect on the length of time and the cost required to implement the changes, and the accuracy of the final results.


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MANAGER'S REPORT

ITEM No. 1