

JANUARY 5, 1970

The 1970 Inaugural Meeting of the Municipal Council was held in the Council Chambers, Municipal Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby 2, B. C. on Monday, January 5, 1970 at 8:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Aldermen Drummond, Herd, Ladner and Clark;
Mayor-Elect R. W. Prittie;
Aldermen-Elect McLean, Mercier and Dailly;

ABSENT: Alderman-Elect Blair;

Monsignor J. E. Brown opened the meeting with a Prayer.

Judge Harvey C. Jessop officiated at the Swearing-In Ceremony of the Mayor-Elect and the Aldermen-Elect, and administered the Oaths of Office to them.

His Worship, Mayor Prittie, then delivered his Inaugural Address, the substance of which was as follows:

- (a) An expression of thanks was extended to Monsignor Brown, Judge Jessop, the Members of the Legislative Assembly representing Burnaby, the Members of Parliament representing Burnaby, former Reeve C. W. MacSorley, and the Consul-General of Japan, Mr. T. Kambara and Mrs. Kambara, for their presence.
- (b) Congratulations were also extended to the members of Council who were re-elected, and to the candidates for Office who were not successful.
- (c) A word of thanks was also given the many volunteers who assisted the candidates of their choice in the Election.
- (d) An expression of appreciation was extended to those persons who have completed years of service on Municipal bodies; they being Mr. A. B. "Sandy" Stewart - Parks and Recreation Commission; Mr. G. Skene - Library Board; Mr. J. H. Edwards - Advisory Planning Commission; Mr. D. A. Copan, Mr. J. E. B. Holdom, and Mrs. C. Wells - Family Court Committee.
- (e) Mention was made of the visit he and his wife paid to Kushiro, Hokkaido, Japan, Burnaby's Sister City, early in 1969, on the occasion of Kushiro's Centennial celebrations. It was explained that the Island of Hokkaido is very similar to British Columbia, with Kushiro resembling the Lower Mainland area in many ways. Mayor Yamaguchi and his staff were also thanked for their kind hospitality.

- (f) The significant accomplishments which were achieved in Burnaby last year were mentioned, they being:
- (i) 19 miles of new sidewalks, 15 miles of paved lanes, 14 miles of road construction, 9½ miles of storm drains, 3.2 miles of sanitary sewers, improved street lighting, park improvements and other public works.
 - (ii) building permits amounted to forty-eight million dollars, second only to Vancouver.
 - (iii) The Municipal Golf Course, the Swangard Junior Sports Stadium in Central Park, the Lougheed Mall Shopping Centre, the first "high-rise" apartment project, the Willingdon Overpass, the new Capitol Hill Water system, and the new animal shelter, (operated by the S.P.C.A.) were completed and opened in 1969.
- (g) Many more necessary public services would have been undertaken but for the continuing problem which municipalities in North America face in selling their debentures. The situation in that regard is not likely to improve very much in 1970.
- (h) There is a growing consciousness on the part of the public about the quality of development. Pollution control and ecology are the current topics, although it should be pointed out that a great deal was done prior to 1969 to improve environmental control. For example, land use planning has been in effect in Burnaby for many years.
- (i) As regards air pollution, the first committee on that matter was established in 1960 as a result of former Councillor Russell Hicks' efforts. Since 1965, all new industries locating in Burnaby have had their plants checked by municipal departments for possible sources of air, land or water pollution.
- (j) The subject of sewage disposal has been receiving the exclusive attention of the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District for many years. In the past thirteen years, forty-six million dollars has been spent on sewerage works. During the next five years, eighty million dollars will be spent on treatment plants and collector trunk lines. Burnaby, as part of the Sewerage and Drainage District, will naturally be required to pay its share of the expenditures.
- (k) The matter of garbage disposal has received extensive study, principally by Mr. J. Kaller of the Burnaby Engineering Department, and it is hoped he will produce a report on the matter which will apply to the area embraced by the Greater Vancouver Regional District.
- (l) Municipalities in the region now realize that air pollution cannot be effectively controlled by individual municipalities. They have therefore asked the Provincial Government to grant the Greater Vancouver Regional District the power to legislate an air pollution by-law for the entire region.

- (m) The preparation of legislation to establish acceptable standards of air purity, and the policing of the standards, demands a trained staff and the acquisition of measuring equipment for research and detection.
- (n) During 1969, the Council established a committee chaired by Alderman Drummond to revise and up-date Burnaby's Anti-Noise By-law.
- (o) Elected and appointed officers of local government are well aware of the many nuisances which accompany urban living and do their best to take those steps which are necessary to improve the quality of our environment.
- (p) As indicated in his Inaugural Address a year ago, the Greater Vancouver Regional District had a structure but few functions. At that time, it only had the responsibility for hospital planning. During 1969, progress was made in the development of Regional Government. On April 1st, the Regional District became responsible for land use planning. It also, during 1969, established a credit rating in the major financial centres and sold approximately twenty-two million dollars in bonds for the member municipalities. Committees are now studying the question of public housing and waste disposal on a regional basis.

It is expected that, during 1970, the Greater Vancouver Water Board and the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District will be merged with the Greater Vancouver Regional District. Thus, by the end of 1970, the Regional District will probably have responsibility for hospital planning, land use planning, marketing of bonds, air pollution control, wholesale water supply and sewage disposal.

- (q) At present, the Regional District operates from the offices of the Greater Vancouver Water Board in Vancouver. These offices are becoming more crowded as the responsibilities of the region increase. Moreover, the present location of the office in the Western part of Vancouver is not at all central to the municipalities of the region.

The Board of Directors for the Regional District should begin planning for a new headquarters in a more central area -- perhaps Burnaby.

- (r) The Federal Government has asked all sectors of the economy to restrain spending. Capital spending by municipalities has been severely reduced by the existing bond market. It is estimated that Burnaby's capital projects are less than fifty per cent of what they would be if the Council met all the requests of its citizens for new public works.
- (s) Lower Mainland municipalities face a further reduction in revenue beginning April 1, 1970. On that date, the new system for dealing with motor vehicle offences will come into effect, with the result revenues from fines will be severely reduced. In Burnaby's case, the reduction will be about \$250,000.00. Though we were forewarned by the Provincial Government of this action, municipalities do not know the amount of grants which the Provincial Government will make until the Budget is presented in the legislature. It would be useful if municipalities could know in advance of the preparation of their budget what revenues they could expect from the Provincial Government.

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Co-operative planning in the preparation of budgets between Provincial Governments and municipalities is just as important as the sort of financial planning which is now taking place between the Provincial Governments and the Federal Government.

- (t) The new Central Fire Hall project will be completed in 1970. Construction will commence on two housing projects for senior citizens, which will provide over 300 housing units. Several more high-rise apartments will be completed. The new Par 3 Golf Course at Kensington Park will open. In co-operation with the Greater Vancouver Water District, there will be improvements to the water supply system in Burnaby.
- (u) If present plans are advanced, the citizens of Burnaby will be asked next December to approve the expansion of both the library system and parks.

His Worship, Mayor Prittie, recommended the following appointments/reappointments:

(1) Advisory Planning Commission:

Mr. F. Allan Armstrong, 7893 Stanley Street, Burnaby 1, B. C.
 Mr. Fred G. Randall, 3430 Ardingley Street, Burnaby 2, B. C.
 Mr. Richard Smith, 4518 Clinton Street, Burnaby 1, B. C.

(2) Burnaby Library Board:

Mr. R. J. Culos, 6544 Georgia Street, Burnaby 2, B. C.
 Mrs. J. Miyazawa, 4676 Fairlawn Drive, Burnaby 2, B. C.
 Mr. Peter Weichel, 6529 Malvern Avenue, Burnaby 1, B. C.

(3) Burnaby Parks and Recreation Commission:

Mr. Rhys Hull, 5155 Carson Street, Burnaby 1, B. C.
 Mr. T. S. Fabian, 5288 Hardwick Street, Burnaby 2, B. C.

(4) Board of Variance:

Mr. R. W. Hassard, 4761 McKee Place, Burnaby 1, B. C.

He also recommended that the first statutory meeting of Council be held on Monday, January 12, 1970 at 7:00 p.m. and on alternate Mondays thereafter.

MOVED BY ALDERMAN DAILLY, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LADNER:
 "That the Inaugural Address of His Worship, Mayor Prittie, be received and the recommendations therein be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN DRUMMOND, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HERD:
 "That Alderman H. G. Ladner be appointed as Acting Mayor for the months of January and February, 1970."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN CLARK, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN McLEAN:
"That the following appointments be made to the organizations indicated:

- (a) Parks and Recreation Commission - Aldermen Drummond and McLean
- (b) Traffic Safety Committee - Alderman Mercier as Chairman, and Aldermen Herd and Ladner as members
- (c) Burnaby Hospital Board - Alderman Herd
- (d) Burnaby Library Board - Mayor Prittie
- (e) New Vista Society - Alderman Drummond
- (f) Housing Committee - Alderman Dailly as Chairman, and Aldermen Blair and Ladner as members
- (g) Air Pollution Committee - Alderman Ladner as Chairman, and Aldermen Blair and Herd as members
- (h) Grants and Publicity Committee - Mayor Prittie as Chairman and Aldermen Clark and Herd as members
- (i) Burnaby Rhododendron and Spring Flower Show Society - Alderman Herd
- (j) United Community Services, Burnaby Division - Alderman Drummond
- (k) Local Court of Revision - The entire Council "

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN MERCIER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN DAILLY:
"That the following members of Council be appointed as the Liaisons with the municipal departments indicated:

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| Administration of Justice | -- Alderman Herd |
| Building Department | -- Alderman Dailly |
| Finance Department | -- Alderman Mercier |
| Fire Department | -- Alderman Clark |
| Health Department | -- Alderman McLean |
| Planning Department | -- Alderman Ladner |
| Public Works | -- Alderman Blair |
| Social Service | -- Alderman Drummond ." |

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN LADNER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MERCIER:
"That the following members of Council be appointed to the Regional Agencies indicated:

- (a) Vancouver-Fraser Park District - Aldermen Drummond and McLean with Aldermen Ladner and Mercier as alternates
- (b) Administration Board of Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District - Mayor Prittie and Alderman Clark, with Aldermen Drummond and McLean as alternates

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- (c) Administration Board of Greater Vancouver Water District - Mayor Prittie and Alderman Blair, with Aldermen Herd and Mercier as alternates.
- (d) Board of Directors, Greater Vancouver Regional District and Greater Vancouver Regional Hospital District - Mayor Prittie and Alderman Dailly, with Aldermen Herd and Ladner as alternates.
- (e) Metropolitan Board of Health of Greater Vancouver - Alderman Ladner, with Alderman Herd as an alternate. "

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN DRUMMOND, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN McLEAN:
 "That the following members of Council be appointed to the organizations indicated:

- (a) Greater Vancouver Visitors' and Convention Bureau - Mayor Prittie and Alderman Clark, with Aldermen McLean and Herd as alternates.
- (b) Vancouver and Lower Mainland Industrial Development Commission - Mayor Prittie, with Alderman Clark as Alternate.
- (c) Port of Vancouver Development Committee - Alderman McLean, with Alderman Dailly as an alternate.
- (d) Lower Mainland Airport Consultative Committee - Mayor Prittie, with Alderman Herd as an alternate. "

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MUNICIPAL MANAGER presented the 1970 Provisional Budget and, in doing so, drew attention to the following:

- (a) The citizens of the municipality are demanding more and better services which, in most cases, are costly. At the same time, municipalities are being urged to restrain expenditures. Municipalities cannot reasonably ignore the plea for restraint because to do so would only invite defeat of any prospect for voluntary control of inflation and compel the senior government to impose controls to achieve the restraints desired.
- (b) Thanks to substantial and unexpected revenues in 1969, it will be possible to bring forward a large sum into the 1970 Budget. This has the effect of controlling the mill rate, per se, but in itself has no effect on the rate of spending. Nor is it possible to control any of the important items of expenditure, such as debt servicing and social welfare costs. A persistent increase can also be expected in the sum required by Regional Boards as their activities are enlarged.

- (c) The expenditures proposed in the Budget exceed the 1969 rate of spending by \$1, 420,785.00, or 7%. Some of these increased expenditures attract additional government contributions and some are anticipated to provide additional revenues of their own.
- (d) Due mainly to the efforts of the Municipal Treasurer, it has been possible to anticipate a new revenue in 1970 amounting to \$220,000.00, in lieu of taxes, from the National Harbours Board. This is an accumulated sum representing arrears but the annual payment henceforth should be approximately \$60,000.00.
- (e) As the change in the system for traffic offences was expected last year, and the budget for that year adjusted accordingly, this will not materially affect the 1970 mill rate for general purposes. It is, however, a substantial loss of revenue which has not been offset by any reasonable sharing by the Provincial Government in the costs of law enforcement.
- (f) \$34,162,500.00 has been added to the taxable assessment roll in 1970 as a result of new construction. Another \$39,424,219.00 has been added for appreciation in assessed values.
- (g) The Budget reflects due caution in those areas where control is possible by the Manager.
- (h) Parks and Recreation Commission and Library Board Budgets, as approved by each of them, are provided without alterations because they support their Budgets directly to Council.
- (i) All wage and salary calculations are made on the basis of the contract in force. In the case of the Fire Department, there is a contract for 1970. The 1969 wage settlement with the Burnaby Civic Employees Union was in two stages so there was an automatic 1.75% increased wage and salary cost built in for 1970 on the 1968 wage base.
- (j) Protection of persons and property, and welfare, costs continue to soar. In the case of fire and police, this is a natural result of increased population and building. Welfare is uncontrollable due to economic developments, sociological outlook, and government edict.
- (k) Section 197 of the Municipal Act requires that the Provisional Budget, as prepared or as altered by Council, be adopted not later than the third Monday after the first day of January.

MOVED BY ALDERMAN MERCIER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CLARK:
 "That the 1970 Provisional Budget be received and be referred to the next meeting of Council for consideration."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN HERD, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN McLEAN:
 "That the meeting now adjourn."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Confirmed:

Certified correct:

Robert W. Putter
 MAYOR
 EW/hb

J. Shaw
 CLERK