

JANUARY 4, 1971

The 1971 Inaugural Meeting of the Municipal Council was held in the Council Chambers, Municipal Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby 2, B. C. on Monday, January 4, 1971 at 8:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor R. W. Prittie in the Chair;
Aldermen Blair, Dailly, Mercier
and McLean;

Aldermen-Elect Clark, Drummond,
Emmott and Ladner;

Reverend W. VanDruten opened the meeting with a Prayer.

Judge Harvey C. Jessop officiated at the Swearing-In Ceremony of the Aldermen-Elect and administered the Oath 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 being extended to Reverend VanDruten and Judge Jessop for the roles they were performing this evening.
- (b) Recognition was being given the representatives of the Senior levels of Government for their presence; they being Mr. J. G. Lorimer, M.L.A., Mr. R. Perrault, M.P. and Mr. G. Dowding, M.L.A.
- (c) Congratulations were being extended to the members of Council who were re-elected (Aldermen Clark, Drummond and Ladner), and Alderman Emmott was welcomed after an absence of two years.
- (d) The citizens who stood for public office but who were unsuccessful were being thanked, along with those who worked for the candidates of their choice.
- (e) Those persons who have completed their service on Council and various public bodies were being thanked for their efforts. These people were:
 - (i) Mr. David M. Herd, who has served on both the Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission for many years. Among his many achievements, attention was being drawn to his service as one of Burnaby's representatives on the Administration Board of the Greater Vancouver Water District, and his contribution as Chairman of the Council Committee that dealt with the construction of the Justice Building.

- (ii) Mrs. Doreen Lawson, who has completed six years of service on the Parks and Recreation Commission, the last as Chairman.
 - (iii) Dr. Ludlow Beamish, who has completed his service on the Family Court Committee. He also had formerly served as Chairman of the Burnaby School Board.
 - (iv) Dr. A. R. McKinnon of Simon Fraser University, who resigned from the Library Board in September in order to undertake external aid work in the field of education in Africa.
 - (v) Mrs. Toy Miyazawa, who resigned from the Library Board because her husband was transferred to a position at Williams Lake, B. C.
 - (vi) Dr. H. M. Ellis, who has served on the Advisory Planning Commission for the past six years.
- (f) All members of the municipal staff were being thanked for their good service to Council and the citizens of Burnaby.
- (g) Attention was being drawn to the fact that Mr. Harold W. Balfour, the Municipal Manager, would be retiring in April of this year after more than forty years of distinguished service in local government.

Although there will be an opportunity to recognize Mr. Balfour later on, he was being thanked on this occasion for the excellent and untiring service that he rendered to Burnaby since he assumed his duties in 1958.

- (h) The significant accomplishments which were achieved in Burnaby last year were:
- (i) The joint application of Burnaby and New Westminster to host the 1973 Canada Summer Games was accepted.

Work on this application started in January, 1969 by a Committee of Burnaby and New Westminster citizens.

The Chairman of the Committee was, and still is, Mr. G. W. Ramsell, a Burnaby resident, and the Committee will be responsible for supervising the organization necessary to build the facilities required to host the almost 3,000 Canadian athletes who will participate in the Summer Games.
 - (ii) As a result of receiving financial aid from both the Federal and Provincial Governments, part of Burnaby Lake will be dredged to provide a rowing course which will be one of the best in the World. The Lake will also be used for canoeing, sail-boating and row-boating. It is hoped the dredging will be done in the early summer of this year.
 - (iii) A Centennial Committee, Chaired by Mr. James Barrington, has been created and a Heritage Park - Museum complex has been selected as Burnaby's 1971 Centennial Project.

- (iv) After a long period of negotiations with the Senior Governments, construction began on two Senior Citizens' Housing Projects- one at Edmonds Street and Kingsway (166 units in a high-rise building) and the other on Stratford Avenue and Pandora Street (a 127 unit garden apartment)

The New Vista Society has also awarded a contract for the construction of a high-rise on its property at Mary Avenue and Vista Crescent.

When completed, the above three projects will contain 467 units of housing.

- (v) The value of building permits in 1970 totalled just over \$40,000,000.00.

General economic conditions and industrial disputes in the building industry undoubtedly resulted in the figure being lower than it normally would have been.

In 1970, three apartment units were built for every single family house, whereas the ratio in 1969 was 1.3 apartments to one single family dwelling. This trend to multiple family units is a result of increasing population and decreasing land.

Included in the apartment buildings constructed were four high-rise buildings with a total of 599 units.

- (vi) Public Works completed in 1970 included 81 miles of paved lanes, 252 ornamental street lights, four miles of storm sewers, three miles of sanitary sewers and two miles of sidewalks.
- (vii) After a very long period of frustrating negotiations with Provincial Authorities, agreement was finally reached for the widening of Hastings Street to eliminate the annoying and dangerous bottlenecks there.
- (viii) The Health Department was strengthened during the year and gave special attention to the practices of industries which are in the Burnaby Lake - Still Creek Drainage area.
- (ix) Mr. Bryon Bacon was appointed as the new Chief Librarian and he has reorganized the staff and physical layout of both libraries in order to provide more effective service to the public.

(i) As regards 1971:

- (i) The new Central Fire Hall will open within the next month.
- (ii) The Minister of Health has approved the calling of tenders for a 147 - bed extended care wing

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at the Burnaby General Hospital.

- (iii) It is expected construction will begin on another Senior Citizen Housing Project, this one sponsored by the Action Line Housing Society, located on the former "Seton Academy" property. Care and accommodation will be provided in this project for 328 persons.
- (iv) Early in 1971, the Council and the public will be asked for their views on a long-range planning study, the purpose of which will be to suggest alternate road patterns and development policies to guide Burnaby's growth in the metropolitan area between now and 1990.
- (v) Capital spending for Parks and Recreation will need to be maintained at a high level.
- (vi) Because there is now an indication that the market for municipal bonds will improve in 1971 and as the Federal and Provincial Governments are encouraging municipalities to proceed with public projects, a large Local Improvement Programme will be undertaken this year to provide for storm sewers, curbs and sidewalks.
- (vii) Despite an article in McLean's Magazine which indicated that "Vancouver has no Regional Government and, in consequence, no effective land use policy", the Regional Government which does exist will continue to function.

In addition to the function assumed by the Regional Government, a formula has been developed to integrate the Greater Vancouver Water District and the Greater Vancouver Sewerage and Drainage District with the Regional District.

The municipalities involved also agreed that Public Housing would be added to the powers of the Regional District.

A study of rapid transit has been completed and it is hoped a more complete picture of the transportation needs of the entire region will be determined in 1972.

A report on Solid Waste Management, prepared by Mr. J. Kaller (an Engineer employed by Burnaby) was presented to the Board of the Regional District and the member municipal Councils.

The Regional Committee on Air Pollution culminated a long and difficult task by obtaining general agreement with the Provincial Government on the procedure to be followed to police air pollution in the Greater Vancouver Regional District.

The Regional District has acquired additional staff to make it function better.

The Regional District will need to become more involved in the life of the Lower Mainland because it is the only method of achieving inter-municipal co-operation short of the kind of amalgamation recently proposed for the municipalities of Greater Winnipeg.

(j) The following appointments and re-appointments were being recommended:

(i) Advisory Planning Commission:

Mr. L. N. Johnson, 7628 - 2nd Street, Burnaby 2, B. C.
Mr. Fred K. MacKenzie, 8162 Wedgewood Avenue, Burnaby 1, B.C.
Mr. Reiner Miller, 5792 Beresford Street, Burnaby 1, B.C.

(ii) Burnaby Library Board:

Mr. N. E. Nelson, 4458 Burke Street, Burnaby 1, B.C.
Mrs. R. G. Greaves, 3869 Dubois Street, Burnaby 1, B.C.
Miss Hazel Sinnett, 6565 Dunblane Street, Burnaby 1, B.C. --
(2 year appointment)
Mr. John A. Mundie, 3866 Elmwood Street, Burnaby 1, B. C. --
(1 year appointment)

(iii) Burnaby Parks and Recreation Commission:

Mr. E. E. Buckingham, 5312 Laurel Street, Burnaby 2, B.C.
Mr. A. H. Pride, 3770 Fir Street, Burnaby 1, B. C.
Mr. Victor B. V. Stusiak, 7795 Taylor Place, Burnaby 2, B.C.

(iv) Burnaby Family Division Committee:

Mr. D. Copan, 4667 Highlawn Drive, Burnaby 2, B.C.
Mr. J. A. Barrington, 4812 Brentlawn Drive, Burnaby 2, B.C.
Mr. R. Gary Begin, 9625 Sullivan Street, Burnaby 3, B. C.
Mr. W. A. Lewarne, 4835 Irmin Street, Burnaby 1, B. C.
Mrs. C. N. O'Neill, 8449 - 16th Avenue, Burnaby 3, B.C.
Mrs. Margaret A. Beattie, 3796 Elmwood Street, Burnaby 1, B.C.

(k) It was also being recommended that the first regular meeting of Council be held on Monday, January 11, 1971 at 7:00 p.m. and on alternate Mondays thereafter.

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN BLAIR, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN DRUMMOND:
"That Alderman G. H. F. McLean be appointed Acting Mayor for the months January and February, 1971."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN CLARK, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN DAILLY:
"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 Dailly and Emmott as members;

- (c) Burnaby Hospital Board: - Alderman Emmott;
- (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) Pollution Committee: - Alderman Ladner as Chairman, and Aldermen Blair and Emmott as members;
- (h) Grants and Publicity Committee: - Mayor Prittie as Chairman and Aldermen Clark and Emmott as members
- (i) Burnaby Rhododendron and Spring Flower Show Society: - Alderman McLean;
- (j) United Community Services, Burnaby Division: - Alderman Drummond
- (k) Local Court of Revision: - The Entire Council."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN DRUMMOND, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BLAIR:
 "That the following members of Council be appointed as Liaisons with the Municipal Departments indicated:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN McLEAN, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EMMOTT:

"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 Emmott as alternates;
- (b) Vancouver and Lower Mainland Industrial Development Commission: - Mayor Prittie, with Alderman Clark as an 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 Dailly as an alternate;

MUNICIPAL MANAGER presented the 1971 Provisional Budget and, in his letter of transmittal, draw attention to the following:

- (a) The format has been changed so that it conforms with financial reporting procedures followed by the Federal and Provincial Governments.

The Budget has been prepared to reflect the requirements of the manual issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, and should make it possible to provide meaningful and useful comparisons between one municipality and another.

- (b) Social Welfare expenditures now account for approximately 10% of the Municipal Budget.

It is hoped some form of accommodation can be worked out with the Provincial Government whereby some agreed "ceiling" can be placed on municipal participation in the Welfare Programme.

- (c) Despite unexpected demands on the 1970 Budget (e.g. increases in Social Assistance costs), it has been possible to end 1970 with a surplus.

- (d) Building in the municipality decelerated appreciably in 1970, which means a smaller increase in taxable assessments.

The Provincial Government imposed a new restriction on municipal assessments for school purposes but, because Burnaby operates on a two-roll system, this restriction does not affect the tax roll for general purposes.

Controlling assessments in this manner does, however, negate the principle of equalized assessments.

- (e) Prospects have improved for a resumption of Capital Improvements requiring borrowing on a long-term basis.

35 million dollars is being made available by the Province for the use of the municipalities therein.

Applications for projects from this sum must be in the hands of the Minister of Municipal Affairs by January 7, 1971. When it was subsequently found that applications would be given priority on the basis of the date of application,

the following projects were selected from the 1971/72 Capital Improvement Programme and were submitted on December 24, 1970:

(i) Sanitary Sewers -	\$141,000.00
(ii) Storm Sewers --	\$1,000,000.00
(iii) "Winston Street" Project	351,000.00
(iv) Local Improvements -	\$2,000,000.00
(v) Parks-	\$500,000.00
TOTAL	<u>\$3,992,000.00</u>

All of these items can be commenced with reasonable promptness, and it is estimated they contain 29,641 man days of work.

- (f) Fire, Police, Sanitation and Clerk's Department estimates include additional complement - Fire and Police because of the natural growth of the population; Sanitation in anticipation of increased activity in Pollution Control; the Clerk's Department to accommodate the Secretarial services now being required of that Department.
- (g) Social Welfare estimates also reflect an increased work load for staff.
- (h) The Budget can be referred to as a "gross" Budget. It contains provision for the operating departments with reasonable exactitude. The budgets of the Library and Parks Boards remain untouched and will, as usual, become the subjects of special discussions with Council.
- (i) The requirement of a Capital Improvement Programme necessitates the establishment of a source of funds for the approved projects. Since many of them are designated to be financed from revenue, it becomes necessary to make provision for them in the current budget. In so doing, it is recognized that Council must first determine the extent of the Capital Improvement Programme, the method of financing the Programme with particular reference to projects to be financed from revenue, and, for 1971, the effect of the Programme that was submitted to the Provincial Government on December 24, 1970 (as mentioned above) because this includes certain projects slated to be done from revenue.
- (j) Salary and labour costs have been calculated on the basis of contracts in force. The contract with Local 23 of CUPE extends to December 31, 1971. The Firefighters' Contract is now open for negotiation and no provision has been made in the Budget with respect to this situation.

MOVED BY ALDERMAN MERCIER, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LADNER:

"That the 1971 Provisional Budget be received and be brought forward at the next meeting of Council for consideration; and further, the action that was taken in making application to the Provincial Government for \$3,992,000.00 for Capital Improvements, as mentioned in the letter of transmittal from the Manager, be ratified."

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

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Confirmed:

Certified correct:


MAYOR


CLERK

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