

5. Re: Vancouver Fraser Park District Levy

The Council on January 10, 1972, received a letter from the Township of Langley indicating that the Council of Langley does not support an increase in the levy proposed to be imposed by the Vancouver Fraser Park District (now to be called the Park District of the Greater Vancouver Regional District) on its member municipalities for the year 1972.

An enquiry was made in Council as to whether the question of increasing the levy last year was considered by Council at that time and if so what decision was made.

In summary:

1. The Clerk of Langley advised on December 29, 1970, that the Municipality was not in favour of a proposed increase in the levy from 0.35 to 0.5 mills for the Park District.
2. The Provisional Budget was received from the Vancouver Fraser Park District on January 27, 1971, showing the municipal requisition at both .5 mill and .35 mill.
3. Alderman McLean introduced the subject at the Council meeting on February 1, 1971, urging the Council to approve the .5 mill levy. The matter was tabled for one week to the February 8th meeting, and any evidence substantiating the increase was to be introduced at that time.
4. On February 8th, Council decided not to take any action on the proposed increase from .35 to .5 mill until the time of the Annual Budget considerations, and that it was not likely that any increase would be approved.
5. The Park District, when it discussed its Annual Budget in March, 1971, decided to not increase the levy so no further consideration was necessary by Council.

To make the story complete, on November 25, 1971, a circular letter was received from Alderman Bird, Chairman of the Park District, attaching a Brief outlining the background and nature of the Vancouver Fraser Park District and again requesting all members of the District to support an increase in the District's budget from .35 to .5 mill for 1972. This letter was received and noted by Council on November 29, 1971.

This is for the information of Council.