

21. Re: Letter from Mr. V. Raudsepp, Department of Lands,
Forests and Water Resources, Victoria, B. C.
Fraser River Flood Control Program

Appearing on the Agenda for the January 29, 1973 meeting of Council is a letter dated January 17, 1973 from Mr. V. Raudsepp regarding this Municipality's application for implementation of a flood control program in the Big Bend area.

The Engineer advises that:

"It is most unfortunate that the latest analysis of the cost benefit ratio for provision of dyking under the Federal Provincial Flood Control Program for the Lower Fraser Valley has still not provided a favourable enough return on the investment according to the letter from Mr. V. Raudsepp, Deputy Minister, Department of Lands, Forests and Water Resources of the Provincial Government.

We have attempted throughout in our submissions ever since the original application was made some years ago to stress the importance of our area in a rapidly changing and rapidly developing urban area such as our Big Bend. In our opinion, the need for dyking and attendant flood control works is still with us and we cannot, in our opinion, continue to simply stand by and await a further analysis in some two to three years' time.

With some reluctance, but nevertheless out of seeming necessity, it appears that Burnaby must be prepared to proceed, at least to some extent, in provision of the required works on its own. It will be some two or three months yet before we would be able to provide a report on the extent to which we should possibly go, but we will commence our analysis aimed at a set of recommendations to be provided to you and the Council within approximately that period of time. The only thought I wish to express at this time is that some consideration should be given to the creation of a special "Improvement District" in the Big Bend Area for the purpose of constructing and financing some or all of the required works."

This is for the information of Council at this point in time.