

January 6, 1975

The Inaugural Meeting of the 1975 Municipal Council was held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Monday, January 6, 1975 at 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Mayor T.W. Constable
Alderman G.D. Ast
Alderman A.H. Emmott
Alderman D.A. Lawson
Alderman W.A. Lewarne
Alderman Elect B.M. Gunn
Alderman Elect G.H.F. McLean
Alderman Elect J.L. Mercier
Alderman Elect V.V. Stusiak

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. M.J. Shelley, Municipal Manager
Mr. E.E. Olson, Municipal Engineer
Mr. A.L. Parr, Director of Planning
Mr. S.W. Collum, Fire Chief
Superintendent W.G. Lambert, Officer in Charge,
Burnaby Detachment, Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Mr. James Hudson, Municipal Clerk

Reverend W.N.W. Warren, West Burnaby United Church, opened the meeting with prayer.

Judge Ivar Bruhaug officiated at the Swearing-In Ceremony and administered the Oath of Allegiance and Declaration of Office to Brian Mitchell Gunn, George Henry Foster McLean, James Lionel Mercier, and Victor Virgo Stusiak.

His Worship, Mayor Constable then delivered his Inaugural Address.

Honoured Guests, Members of Council, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to this Inaugural Meeting of the 1975 Council of the Corporation of the District of Burnaby. My appreciation to Reverend W.N.W. Warren for leading us in the Opening Prayer and my thanks to Judge Ivar Bruhaug for conducting the Swearing-In Ceremony.

I congratulate Aldermen Gunn, McLean, Mercier and Stusiak on their re-election. I am certain they will continue to serve the Municipality with the same dedication and zeal they have shown in the past. On behalf of Council I would also like to congratulate the re-elected School Trustees - Mrs. A. Blakey, Mr. J.W. Daly, and Mr. C.J. Murnane. An ever-increasing complex school system requires School Trustees to make decisions which affect us all personally, whether parents or not and the contribution of the School Board to our community life cannot be over-emphasized.

As the Mayor of this Municipality I have had the privilege of meeting many wonderful people. Nothing heartens me more than to see the willingness of the citizens of our community to serve on the many various Boards, Commissions and Committees, and I would now like to take this opportunity to thank them all collectively. It is impossible to deal with each and every single contribution to our community. However, some familiar faces will no longer be seen as members of our Committees next year - although I am certain they will all remain active in our community. In particular, Mr. Elmer Buckingham, after having served his maximum six years, is retiring from the Parks and Recreation Commission. He was Chairman of the Commission this past year and he has worked tirelessly and unselfishly during his term to provide Burnaby with a park system envied throughout Canada. Mr. Hugh Ladner, a past Alderman in our Municipality, has regretfully resigned from the Advisory Planning Commission, in the face of mounting business pressure. I have been assured by Mr. Ladner that his absence will hopefully only be temporary and he looks forward to being available again at a later date. We wish him every success in his endeavours. His abilities will be sorely missed in the meantime.

Mr. Norman Kelsey has also completed his term on the Advisory Planning Commission. Undoubtedly his experience will be hard to replace this year but we can look forward to seeing Mr. Kelsey return in some other capacity at a later date. Mr. Douglas Evans is retiring from the Advisory Planning Commission, having completed his terms and Mr. Gerry Holmes is retiring from the Library Board due to work pressure. Both of these men devoted much of their time for the benefit of this community and their contribution has been greatly appreciated.

Last, but not least, I would like to recognize the contribution of all citizens who have taken the time to communicate their views to Council over the past year. Without this input, critical or laudatory, we, as elected representatives, could not hope to represent you meaningfully. I urge all citizens present here to-day to invite your friends and neighbours to forward their views to us from time to time, to criticize us when necessary, to praise Council if we deserve it, and to suggest ideas if they are worthwhile and practical. Ideas are the seeds of things to come and in 1974 many seeds were planted, making it a very eventful year for Burnaby.

Undoubtedly the refinery issue caught the headlines and divided Council, but this decision did not prevent the Council from embarking on major programmes during 1974 to benefit our Community in the years ahead. Burnaby Council was not weakened by the refinery issue, - rather it was strengthened by the knowledge that while members of Council could differ, they could also work together despite those differences, and in 1974 Burnaby Council matured.

We witnessed negotiations with the Federal Government for the return of the George Derby lands to Burnaby. Thanks to a group of people from all political persuasions, all walks of life, and from all parts of Burnaby, with the aim of highlighting this issue, a delegation from Council headed by myself met with Federal Ministers to discuss the matter. I am very hopeful that talks will resume in Ottawa soon and hope by next year at this time that we will be able to announce the transfer of the George Derby Lands back to the people of Burnaby.

Although progress has been slow, in the very near future, subject to concurrence of Council, we will sign a 99-year lease and see the dream of Oakalla lands becoming parkland, a reality. 1974 also saw the beginning of construction of Provincial housing in our community. Through co-operation and collaboration Burnaby Council has been able to provide housing through the Provincial Government while maintaining its Community Plans. This kind of co-operation should be an example to other Municipalities by the possible fruits of joint efforts for the benefit of our citizens. 1974 saw Burnaby Council approve the concept of retaining large portions of Burnaby Mountain as a conservation area. In 1974, the Municipality acquired major holdings along Burrard Inlet to become part of the Burrard parks systems. It is my fond hope that in the very near future we will see a Marina or a shared partnership with private interests. The Central Burnaby Administrative area was approved by Council and will see major office and business facilities being developed in that area in Burnaby. This major step forward will be an example of urban planning for others to watch closely as it will concentrate business enterprises in areas easily accessible from major thoroughfares - thereby minimizing traffic congestion through our residential streets. B.C. Telephone Company announced the location of its headquarters in our Municipality and all going well sod-turning should take place in the early part of 1975. More recently the Greater Vancouver Regional District following the policy of decentralizing away from downtown Vancouver to metro town areas, announced Burnaby as the site of its new building and thereby also recognizes Burnaby as the heart of the Regional District.

1974 saw the adoption of the "Burnaby Transportation Study" which will lead to a major road referendum in 1975. The implementation of the recommendations contained in the report will hopefully result in improved north-south transportation links and smooth traffic-flow through and around Burnaby.

After some delay the Burnaby Centre Library was finally opened - a wonderful addition to our Library system and a great asset to the community. Development will continue on Bonsor Park - a much needed facility to serve the rapidly-increasing population centred around the Simpson-Sears area. In May 1975 we can expect to see a start on the construction of the acute care facilities of Burnaby General Hospital. 1975 will see the start of development of Oakalla lands to a passive park to be available for the use of the people of Burnaby. More senior citizens' housing now under construction will be completed and available for occupancy. Through the efforts of a special Committee which I have established, and with the concurrence of Council, an attempt will be made to assure Burnaby a place on the map of the rowing community by making our already world famous rowing course - the permanent home of a major International Regatta, hopefully with funds provided by senior levels of government. Also, hopefully in 1975, the Burrard Inlet Parks development will be in its first phase. Burnaby has long since reached adulthood and with it I see a need for a major convention, cultural complex. I will be discussing with Council and staff the feasibility of such a complex being established in Burnaby within the near future.

When I first sought and campaigned for the office of Mayor in 1973, I felt then and stated that the citizens had to be involved in the planning of their community. I viewed sound planning as the key to the liveable future of Burnaby people. This was the most important legacy, in my opinion, that any politician could offer. During my term of office we have had numerous meetings with the public, we have received the First Report on the Public

Meetings. Council have already acted on many of these recommendations from the report. As a result of the input of the citizens of Burnaby, Council has and is reviewing its Apartment Study. It has brought forward a Transportation Plan. It has begun major development of our foreshores, and we have various smaller Community Plans which the public can discuss with our Planning Department. Through our Planning Department we offer a Public Participation programme, to ensure that the citizens of our community are aware of the changes that are necessary and are constantly taking place.

I hope that during my tenure in office we can continue to work in this atmosphere of openness and frankness and that the ideas which were conceived in co-operation with, rather than confrontation with our citizens, can be implemented. One danger that constantly looms is the possibility of municipal government losing some of its autonomy. Whether it be from further levels of government or existing senior governments, in my opinion we must be constantly on guard to see the rights and needs of our municipalities retained.

There is already, as witnessed in recent elections, an all-time low level of interest in municipal politics. This trend must be reversed. We must awaken the interests of the members of our community.

I look forward to working with members of Council, various Municipal Boards and Committees, and with Municipal Staff in 1975, in the interests of the people of Burnaby, and who I hope will, in turn, keep a watchful eye on us, their elected representatives. The early 30's were trying times for many Municipalities - particularly for Burnaby. During 1930-32, Reeve William Pritchard, because of his sympathetic attitude towards the people of Burnaby, won a very wide feeling of respect. It is my intention to recommend to Council in the very near future that former Reeve William Pritchard have conferred upon him the Freedom of the Municipality of Burnaby.

The following appointments and re-appointments are recommended:

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (term - 2 years)

Mr. A.E. Lock
Mr. J.P. Daem
Mrs. E. Fisher

LIBRARY BOARD (term - 2 years)

Miss H. Simnett
Mr. G. Houlden
Mrs. T.A. Motiuk
Mr. R. Hull

ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION (term - 3 years)

Rev. F. Ward
Mr. D. Herd
Mr. E. Nial

(term - 2 years)

Mr. N. Carey

(term - 1 year)

Mr. E.R. Loftus

FAMILY DIVISION COMMITTEE (term - 1 year)

Mrs. M. Beattie
Mr. R.G. Begin
Mrs. M. Hellier
Mrs. R.P. Van Alstine
Rev. G. Morrison
Mrs. B. Chobotuck

BOARD OF VARIANCE (term - 3 years)

Mr. J. Carlberg

MOVED BY ALDERMAN EMMOTT:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN AST:

"That the recommendations of the Mayor be adopted".

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MOVED BY ALDERMAN LAWSON:SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MCLEAN:

"That Alderman Mercier be appointed Acting-Mayor for the months of January and February, 1975".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN LEWARNE:SECONDED BY ALDERMAN STUSIAK:

"That the following members of Council be appointed to the Commission, Committee, Board, Society or Association shown:

- (a) Aldermen Emmott and Stusiak - Parks and Recreation Commission
- (b) Alderman McLean as Chairman, Aldermen Emmott and Ast as Members - Traffic Safety Committee
- (c) Alderman Gunn - Burnaby Hospital Board
- (d) Alderman Lawson - Burnaby Library Board
- (e) Alderman Stusiak - New Vista Society
- (f) Alderman Lawson as Chairman, Aldermen Stusiak and Ast as Members - Housing Committee
- (g) Alderman Mercier as Chairman, Aldermen Gunn and Lewarne as Members - Pollution Committee
- (h) Mayor Constable as Chairman, Aldermen Lawson and Ast as Members - Grants and Publicity Committee
- (i) Alderman Lewarne - United Community Services, Burnaby Division
- (j) Alderman Ast - Century Park Museum Association
- (k) Entire Council - Local Court of Revision
- (l) Alderman Lawson - Burnaby Impaired Drivers' Course"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN MERCIER:SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GUNN:

"That the following Aldermen be appointed as liaisons with the Departments of the Municipality which are indicated:

Administration of Justice	-- Alderman Lawson
Building Department	-- Alderman Gunn
Finance Department	-- Alderman Stusiak
Fire Department	-- Alderman McLean
Health Department	-- Alderman Lewarne
Planning Department	-- Alderman Ast
Public Works	-- Alderman Mercier
Social Service	-- Alderman Emmott"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN MCLEAN:SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EMMOTT:

"That the following members of Council be appointed to the Regional Organizations shown:

- (a) Alderman Emmott with Alderman McLean as alternate - Parks Committee, Greater Vancouver Regional District;
- (b) Alderman Stusiak with Alderman Lawson as alternate - Housing Committee, Greater Vancouver Regional District;
- (c) Alderman Lewarne with Alderman Mercier as alternate - Transit Committee, Greater Vancouver Regional District;
- (d) Alderman Ast with Alderman Gunn as alternate - Water-Sewer Committee, Greater Vancouver Regional District
- (e) Alderman Mercier and Alderman Lawson as alternates - Board of Directors, Greater Vancouver Regional District and Greater Vancouver Regional Hospital District (Municipal Directors, Mayor Constable and Alderman Emmott, were elected on November 17, 1973)
- (f) Alderman Lewarne with Alderman Emmott as alternate - Metropolitan Board of Health of Greater Vancouver;

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- (g) Alderman Mercier with Alderman Ast as alternate -Greater Vancouver Visitors' and Convention Bureau"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN AST:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LAWSON:

"That the following members of Council be appointed to the Committees as indicated:

- (a) Mayor Constable as Chairman, with Aldermen Stusiak and Lewarne as Members - Municipal Hall Capital Improvement Programme;
- (b) Alderman Mercier as Chairman, with Mayor Constable and Alderman Stusiak as Members - Election Procedures;
- (c) Alderman McLean as Chairman, with Aldermen Emmott and Ast as Members, with power to recommend additional members from civic commissions and lay persons - Transit;
- (d) Alderman Lawson as Chairman, with Mr. John Dye, Mr. S.R. Morin, Mr. A.H. Pride, Mr. F.G. Randall and Mrs. K.M. Zimmerman as Members - Information Burnaby Committee;
- (e) Alderman McLean as Chairman, with Aldermen Lewarne and Ast as Members - Cab Licence Study Committee;
- (f) Alderman Stusiak as Chairman, with Aldermen Mercier and Emmott as Members - Municipal Act Amendments Committee".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN STUSIAK:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MERCIER:

"That the report from the Municipal Manager dated January 6, 1975 in reference to the Provisional Budget - 1975 be received".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN STUSIAK:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MERCIER:

"That the 1975 Provisional Budget be received and be brought forward for consideration at the January 13, 1975 meeting of Council and that the Municipal Manager's Report dated January 6, 1975 in reference to Provisional Budget - 1975 be considered at the same time".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN GUNN:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LEWARNE:

"That this meeting do now adjourn".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Confirmed:

Certified Correct:

MAYOR

MUNICIPAL CLERK

JH/as