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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.		64
COUNCIL MEETING	Oct. 12/76	

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Re: APPOINTMENT OF FIRE CHIEF

The Labour Relations Board issued a decision on October 6 (attached to Aldermen's copies only) on the question of the Municipal Council's right to appoint a Fire Chief. The Decision confirms the appointment of Thomas Nairn as Fire Chief for the Municipality of Burnaby and upholds the authority of Council to make that appointment;

The Municipal Manager has been meeting with the Executive of the Burnaby Firefighters Association over the last number of days to explore ways of implementing the effect of this decision with the least possible disruption or conflict. The Manager has entered these discussions recognizing the seriousness of the situation and in the hope that some mutually acceptable solution can be found. Up to now we have not concluded any arrangement.

The Executive of the Union has advised us that, as a result of our meetings, they feel it is now necessary to meet with their membership. This meeting will take place Wednesday evening. They then hope to continue discussions with the Manager later this week. The Executive has been advised that the Manager wishes to reach some conclusion by Friday of this week at the latest so that he will be able to make any necessary recommendations to next week's Council meeting. While the Manager wishes to give the Union every opportunity, it is also recognized that the present unsettled situation can not be allowed to continue indefinitely.

This is for the information of Council.

NOTE: The underlining on Page 7 (first paragraph) and on Pages 29 and 30 of the Labour Relations Board Decision is that of the Municipal Manager.

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