

January 5, 1976

The Inaugural Meeting of the 1976 Municipal Council was held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Monday, January 5, 1976 commencing at 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Mayor T.W. Constable
Alderman G.D. Ast
Alderman-Elect D.P. Drummond
Alderman A.H. Emmott
Alderman B.M. Gunn
Alderman D.A. Lawson
Alderman G.H.F. McLean
Alderman-Elect F.G. Randall
Alderman 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. L.H. Buckley, Deputy Fire Chief
Mr. James Hudson, Municipal Clerk
Mr. R.W. Watson, Deputy Municipal Clerk

Reverend A. Kerr, Saint Alban the Martyr Anglican Church, opened the meeting with prayer.

Judge Patricia Byrne, Provincial Court Judge, then addressed the meeting as follows:

"Your Worship, and Members of Burnaby Council:

To all of you this is the most solemn and least arduous occasion of your civic service.

Having sought responsibility you are now custodians of it and two words best sum up what the rest of us wish you. The words are: Good Luck.

There is a phrase from the late novelist, Scott Fitzgerald, that is cut to fit anyone who has sought and got public office. The phrase is "The Victor belongs to the Spoils". In your cases, as Victors, you now belong to Duty, to unceasing phone calls, to ear-bending debate, to criticism, to home lives frequently disturbed by constituents who need your help.

There is a tendency to dismiss civic office as the least of our three jurisdictions. But in an Urban Community, Civic Office is where the people are and the action is. On your best days you will be advocates; advocates for someone needing welfare or housing or counselling on family planning or any other social assistance. You will be subject to pressure groups and favour seekers, nagged at for civic grants, criticized so often that you will come to realize that Canada's national bird is indeed the Grouse. That is the price you pay for offering yourselves for service - and there is never any bargain sale. You also have the chance to find the best side of yourselves, to do something for an electorate that has given you the opportunity to lead.

Politics does not have to be the grubby business it is often portrayed. Politicians of Good will can make a Council Chamber more of a temple, rather than a Den of Self-enlightened Cynics.

In the end all that matters is your own self respect - the ability to honestly say, when your terms expire, "I did my best".

Again, from All of Us, to All of You, "Good Luck".

Judge Byrne then officiated at the Swearing-In Ceremony and administered the Oath of Allegiance and Declaration of Office to Thomas W. Constable, Gerald D. Ast, Alan H. Emmott, Doreen A. Lawson, Douglas P. Drummond and Frederick G. Randall.

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 1976 Council of The Corporation of the District of Burnaby.

My appreciation to Reverend Allen Kerr for leading us in the Opening Prayer and my thanks to Judge Patricia Byrne for conducting the Swearing-In Ceremonies.

My congratulations to Aldermen Ast, Emmott and Lawson 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. Also, my congratulations to Aldermen Drummond and Randall on their election. Both have been very active members of our community and bring to Council a broad background of community interests. Their input can only be beneficial to the future of Burnaby.

To the outgoing members of Council: Jim Mercier and Bill Lewarne, our thanks for their unselfish efforts on behalf of the people of Burnaby during their years on Council. Few realize the sacrifices made by those who hold public office - and even fewer appreciate that no matter what differences may arise from time to time, every member of this Council, every member of our Municipal Commissions, every member of our staff, have but one common goal: To make Burnaby the best Municipality in this Province and in Canada.

I would be remiss if I did not also congratulate the re-elected members of our School Board: Betty Clark and Gary Begin. We cannot overlook the importance of our School Trustees in an increasingly complex school system.

Regardless of the individual's position in society, we all have a role to play - some accept a greater responsibility than others. Assuming responsibility takes us from a passive role in society to an active one; it places us in a position of achieving goals, of participating constructively rather than negatively. As your Mayor I have had the opportunity of meeting a number of people who have accepted this responsibility and who serve on our Boards, Commissions and Committees, and I take this opportunity to thank them all collectively for their continued efforts.

One individual in particular has made such a contribution and will retire from the Parks and Recreation Commission this year. Mr. Tony Fabian has served his maximum three two-year terms. He has been Chairman of the Commission for the past year. His dedication has kept Burnaby above all other Municipalities in the provision of parks and recreation facilities and programs. Tony is not leaving us, however, as he has recently been appointed and accepted the position of Chairman of the newly-created Burnaby Beautification Committee. One of Tony Fabian's great contributions to Burnaby is the plan for a network of parks, linked by a trail system, which he first proposed some six years ago. This system of trails, ravines and streams is now well in progress thanks to Tony's continued prodding, and hard work. It is hoped that he will some day see come to fruition his vision of a continuous park system. Under his Chairmanship, the Beautification Committee will combine the efforts of Burnaby Citizens and nature to create an urban community that is pleasant to the eye and provides areas of tranquility, as well as use and encourage the use of visual art in various forms to beautify our community.

Mr. Reiner Miller has resigned from the Advisory Planning Commission due to his having moved from Burnaby. He carried out his duties in a very conscientious manner. He was also a regular attender at Council meetings and deserves and receives our thanks.

A New Year, some new faces, some new and better programs for Burnaby ... many changes have occurred since I first took the Oath of Office; much has been accomplished but the past is quickly forgotten and makes way for more change, new values, more challenges to the politicians and our technical and administrative staff.

In 1975, Burnaby saw over 2,000 residential housing starts. In the spring of 1976, work will commence on Burnaby 200, a 198 acre development on the south slope of Burnaby Mountain. This is a project involving the active co-operation of the Municipality and the Provincial Government to provide housing while still retaining a liveable environment. The developer will be required to provide a neighbourhood - covered swimming pool for the residents of Burnaby 200 constructed to a quality standard, or as an alternative put the funds toward a larger scale community recreational facility in the general area. Through the team effort of the Parks Commission, the School Board, the Municipal Council and the Provincial Government, a development which will be an asset to Burnaby will be constructed. We would hope to continue this co-operative approach with all developers so that Burnaby can grow in an orderly fashion while ensuring that new developments have the required amenities and thus allow the Municipality to continue to improve its already existing facilities.

Growth for growth's sake is disastrous. Planned growth, designed with the help of our residents, to preserve the balanced aspects of our community is an essential part of the role Burnaby must play in a rapidly growing Greater Vancouver.

Despite the defeat of the Road By-law, Council will have to review early in 1976, the need for and establish priorities regarding road improvements. Undoubtedly we have a responsibility, to ensure north and south movement for our residents and the Kensington Overpass, in my opinion, must receive top priority in this regard. As Mayor, I will oppose any road development which will create traffic congestion and is of little or no benefit to Burnaby residents, and at the same time creates an eyesore and inconvenience to our taxpayers. Hence, I am not convinced of the need for an Annacis Crossing into Burnaby and will not support it unless it can be demonstrated that it is to be used as part of a transit system and not as a facility to funnel more vehicles through Burnaby on their way to Vancouver. Burnaby will not become the intersection for the G.V.R.D. Burnaby will become the heart of the G.V.R.D.

Our parks and recreation programs are unsurpassed. Council has received a number of reports regarding the development of the three major park belts in the Municipality. 1976 will see the start of the development of Barnet and Kapoor beaches for public use. The Fraser River Foreshore Park will be started and Burnaby residents will have free access to some 158 acres of Oakalla Parkland come this spring. Plans are presently being prepared for the multi-purpose use of this property for recreational purposes.

1976 will also see the beginning of a rational development plan for the heart of Burnaby - Burnaby Lake. Council has recently received a report regarding the future of Burnaby Lake. If the recommendations of the report are accepted by the Parks Commission and the Council and the G.V.R.D., the Lake area will become part of a major regional park located in the Centre of the G.V.R.D. Council has long wanted to preserve the entire area as a wildlife sanctuary, as first proposed by Alderman Lawson, and ecological reserve, and to see development of pedestrian, equestrian and bicycle trails with provision of an educational centre added to the Burnaby Lake Sports Complex, and we will have established an area that will be looked at with pride and thanks by Burnaby residents and residents of the G.V.R.D. for many years to come.

In 1976 we will also continue to improve the cultural facilities of our community. The Art Gallery will be expanded, and thanks to the efforts of our Library Board, Burnaby is playing a greater than ever role in the regional Library system. This year will be a major one for our Library: A proposal for library expansion will be presented to the electorate; the development of more satellite or branch libraries are planned. In times of increased leisure and the disaffection of the public with television, a larger number of residents are making use of our Libraries as an extension of our Municipal services.

In keeping with the trend for fiscal restraint, I will be recommending to Council that the Election Procedures Committee consider the subject of Biennial Elections. It makes little sense to me to spend approximately \$50,000.00 per year of the taxpayers' money for annual elections. The Committee will hopefully consider this matter as a priority and make its report to Council in the spring of 1976 for possible implementation in our next Election.

Despite the cutbacks over the last two years, Burnaby has been able to maintain the best Municipal services in the Lower Mainland, while at the same time affording the residents of Burnaby the lowest increase in taxes. This is not to say that better money management is not needed or that better tax formulas should not be developed. Since joining the Municipal Council in 1971 I have expressed on numerous occasions my concerns that a number of agencies such as Provincial, Federal, Educational, et cetera, are enjoying tax benefits placing them in a most advantageous position as compared to the homeowner.

At times I have been tempted to suggest the withdrawal of municipal services to some of those tax exempt institutions such as Simon Fraser University. Council has, however, prepared a submission to the Commission on Taxation outlining the position of Burnaby Council and requesting the co-operation of the senior levels of Government to rectify these obvious inequities and to give municipalities further financial consideration. I will be seeking a meeting with the new Provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs to discuss this and other matters as soon as possible, particularly the question of grants to Municipalities and other related municipal matters.

I will also be meeting with the Federal Liberal Caucus on January 24th in Burnaby to discuss the subject matter of the George Derby Lands and put the position of Burnaby before them, a matter which has been ongoing for some two years now.

Finally, I should like to thank the people of Burnaby for the overwhelming mandate to continue to lead this Municipality at a crucial time in its history. Burnaby is rapidly becoming the centre of our Regional District and will play an increasingly important role in the determination of the future growth of the Vancouver area. Burnaby is rapidly gaining its identity, not as a suburb of Vancouver, but as a major centre in the Metropolitan area.

I look forward to working with Council in the next two years, and thank you all for your attendance this evening.

The following appointments and re-appointments are recommended:

Parks and Recreation Commission. (Term - 2 years)

Mr. G. Harry Cannon
Mr. R. Smith

Library Board. (Term - 2 years)

Mr. J.A. Mundie
Mr. G.E. Smith

Advisory Planning Commission.

3 year term: Mr. A.H. Krause
Mr. E.R. Loftus
Mr. R. Lee

1 year term: (To complete term left vacant by resignation of R. Miller)
Mr. T. Bastable

Family Division Committee (Term - 1 year)

Mrs. M Beattie
Mrs. M. Hellier
Rev. G. Morrison
Mrs. R.P. VanAlstine
Mrs. B. Chobotuck
Mrs. I. Laidley

Board of Variance (Term - 3 years)

Mr. A.B. Stewart"

MOVED BY ALDERMAN EMMOTT:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN AST:

"That the recommendations of the Mayor be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN LAWSON:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GUNN:

"That Alderman A.H. Emmott be appointed Acting-Mayor for the months of January and February, 1976."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN MCLEAN:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN STUSIAK:

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

- (a) Alderman G.H.F. McLean - Advisory Planning Commission
- (b) Alderman D.P. Drummond - Burnaby Hospital Board
- (c) Alderman D.A. Lawson - Burnaby Impaired Drivers' Course Founding Committee
- (d) Alderman D.A. Lawson - Burnaby Public Library Board

- (e) Alderman F.G. Randall - Century Park Museum Association
- (f) Alderman D.A. Lawson - Family Division Committee and recommended appointment to Justice Council
- (g) Alderman V.V. Stusiak - New Vista Society
- (h) Aldermen A.H. Emmott and B.M. Gunn - Parks and Recreation Commission
- (i) Alderman G.D. Ast - United Community Services, Burnaby Division
- (j) Alderman D.A. Lawson - Youth Services Committee
- (k) Mayor T.W. Constable as Chairman, Aldermen G.D. Ast and D.A. Lawson as members - Grants and Publicity Committee
- (l) Alderman V.V. Stusiak as Chairman, Aldermen G.D. Ast & F.G. Randall as members - Housing Committee
- (m) All Members of the Municipal Council - Local Court of Revision
- (n) Alderman B.M. Gunn as Chairman, Aldermen G.H.F. McLean and F.G. Randall as members - Pollution Committee
- (o) Alderman G.D. Ast as Chairman, Aldermen D.P. Drummond and A.H. Emmott as members - Traffic Safety Committee"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN EMMOTT:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN DRUMMOND:

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

Administration of Justice	-- Alderman A.H. Emmott
Building Department	-- Alderman D.A. Lawson
Finance Department	-- Alderman V.V. Stusiak
Fire Department	-- Alderman F.G. Randall
Health Department	-- Alderman D.P. Drummond
Human Resources Department	-- Alderman G.D. Ast
Planning Department	-- Alderman G.H.F. McLean
Public Works	-- Alderman B.M. Gunn"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN AST:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN RANDALL:

"That the following members of Council be appointed as alternates to Board of Directors -- Greater Vancouver Regional District and Greater Vancouver Regional Hospital District."

Alternates -- Aldermen B.M. Gunn and D.A. Lawson ."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Municipal Directors, Mayor T.W. Constable and Alderman A.H. Emmott, were elected on November 15, 1975)

MOVED BY ALDERMAN GUNN:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LAWSON:

"That the following members of Council be recommended for appointment to the Regional District Committees shown:

- (a) Alderman V.V. Stusiak with Alderman G.D. Ast as alternate - Housing Committee Greater Vancouver Regional District
- (b) Alderman A.H. Emmott with Alderman G.H.F. McLean as alternate - Parks Committee, Greater Vancouver Regional District
- (c) Mayor T.W. Constable with Alderman D.A. Lawson as alternate - Planning Committee, Greater Vancouver Regional District
- (d) Alderman B.M. Gunn with Alderman F.G. Randall as alternate - Transit Committee, Greater Vancouver Regional District

5 CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN STUSIAK:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MCLEAN:

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

- (a) Alderman Ast with Alderman D.P. Drummond as alternate - Burnaby Mental Health Centre Citizens' Advisory Committee
- (b) Alderman A.H. Emmott with Alderman F.G. Randall as alternate - Greater Vancouver Visitors' and Convention Bureau
- (c) Alderman D.P. Drummond with Alderman F.G. Randall as alternate - Metropolitan Board of Health of Greater Vancouver."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN MCLEAN:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN DRUMMOND:

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

- (a) Alderman G.H.F. McLean as Chairman, Aldermen G.D. Ast and F.G. Randall as members Cab Licence Study Committee
- (b) Alderman V.V. Stusiak as Chairman, Aldermen B.M. Gunn and F.G. Randall as members Election Procedures Committee
- (c) Alderman G.H.F. McLean as Chairman, Mayor T.W. Constable and Alderman V.V. Stusiak as members - Exempt Staff Council Committee
- (d) Alderman D.A. Lawson as Chairman, Mr. John Dye, Mr. A.H. Pride & Mrs. K.M. Zimmerman as members - Information Burnaby Committee
- (e) Alderman G.H.F. McLean as Chairman, Aldermen G.D. Ast and D.P. Drummond as members - Transit Committee (with power to recommend additional persons from civic commissions and lay persons)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN STUSIAK:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LAWSON:

"That the 1976 Provisional Budget be received and be brought forward for consideration at the January 12, 1976 meeting of Council."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN EMMOTT:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN AST:

"That this meeting do now adjourn."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Confirmed:

Certified Correct:


MAYOR


DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK

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