

Re: ADVANCED POLL FOR 1977 ANNUAL ELECTION AND VOTING
ON BY-LAW NO. 7094 - "BURNABY LOAN AUTHORIZATION BY-LAW
NO. 1, 1977"
(ITEM 3, REPORT NO. 67, OCTOBER 3, 1977)

Council last week tabled a report on a proposed by-law for an advance poll and voting on "Burnaby Loan Authorization By-law No. 1, 1977. The additional information that Council requested on this matter is contained in the following report from the Municipal Clerk.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Municipal Clerk's recommendations be adopted.

* * * *

TO:	MUNICIPAL MANAGER	DATE:	October 6, 1977
FROM:	MUNICIPAL CLERK	FILE:	2114
SUBJECT:	ADVANCED POLL FOR 1977 ANNUAL ELECTION AND VOTING ON BY-LAW NO. 7094 - "BURNABY LOAN AUTHORIZATION BY-LAW NO. 1, 1977"		

At the regular meeting of the Municipal Council held on October 3, 1977, the Municipal Manager provided a report being Item #3, Manager's Report No. 67, 1977, in which the Municipal Clerk reported therein in reference to the holding of the 1977 Advanced Poll.

The Municipal Manager recommended:

1. THAT a By-law to provide for the holding of an Advanced Poll for the:
 - (a) 1977 Annual Election;
 - (b) Voting on By-Law No. 7094 cited as "Burnaby Loan Authorization By-Law No. 1, 1977"be brought forward;
2. THAT the Advanced Poll By-law provide therein that the Advanced Poll be held at the Burnaby Municipal Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C.;
3. THAT the Advanced Poll By-law provide therein that the Advanced Poll be kept open from eight-thirty o'clock in the forenoon until eight o'clock in the afternoon;
4. THAT, as Friday the Eleventh day of November, 1977 is a Statutory Holiday and as to further advance the date for the holding of the Advanced Poll would not allow sufficient time from twelve o'clock noon on Tuesday, November 1st, 1977 until receipt of the ballots from the printer to properly check same, the Advanced Poll be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth days of November, 1977.

MOVED BY ALDERMAN DRUMMOND;
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN STEWART:
"THAT the recommendations of the Municipal Manager be adopted."

" 203

.../p.2.

MOVED BY ALDERMAN STUSIAK:
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LAWSON:

"THAT further consideration of this matter be tabled one week to allow the Municipal Clerk to investigate the feasibility of the Advanced Poll being held on Thursday, November 10, 1977 in addition to the dates recommended in the Municipal Manager's Report."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

As directed, we have investigated the feasibility of the Advanced Poll commencing on Thursday, November 10, 1977. We would advise as follows:

The deadline as established by Section 53 of the "Municipal Act" for receipt of nomination-papers and candidates' declarations is twelve o'clock Noon of the last Monday of October (October 31, 1977). Section 67 provides that a candidate may withdraw within twenty-four hours after the close of nominations, but not afterwards, by giving a notice to that effect, signed by him to the Returning Officer (twelve Noon, November 1st). This means that we can, after the close of nominations, hand deliver the necessary information required for printing the ballots to the private printing firm so they can then commence to set type but they cannot start the actual printing operation until after twelve o'clock Noon on Tuesday (November 1, 1977).

The ballots are printed four at a time on the designated coloured paper. We are furnished with a hand delivered proof copy. After perusal, we immediately advise the printing firm as to our findings and the ballot printing operation then gets underway. This would give the printing firm five and one-half normal working days to complete the ballot printing operation. We must have the ballots early on Wednesday (November 9) to peruse same if the advanced poll is to commence on Thursday (November 10).

The representative of the printing firm estimates that to complete the assignment by Tuesday afternoon for the 1977 election - which will require a total of five ballots (Mayor, Aldermen, School Trustees, Greater Vancouver Regional District and Library Loan By-Law) - will require an additional Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) expenditure.

50,000 ballots are prepared for each of the four offices to be filled and for the loan by-law. The usual expenditure involved is approximately Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) for each set of ballots.

The printing firm is faced with a scheduling problem as they must still carry out printing assignments for other customers and fit our time consuming ballot printing requirements into their operations.

Our main requirement is to have the ballots in advance so that a proper checking of the finished product can be carried out. This was not possible in 1976 with the Advanced Poll commencing on Friday, November 12. We were indeed fortunate that the improperly printed ballots we received were not in use for the Advanced Poll, as the error was not discovered until the Advanced Poll had commenced, or the entire 1976 Annual Election might have been placed in jeopardy.

To allow proper time for the printing firm to carry out their task and for staff - who are still carrying out their usual Municipal Clerk's Department duties - to check the completed ballots we must have more time than is available by commencing the Advanced Poll on Thursday, November 10, 1977.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Municipal Council give consideration to the adoption of the following Motions:

- (a) THAT a By-Law to provide for the holding of an Advanced Poll for the:
1. 1977 Annual Election;
 2. Voting on By-Law No. 7094 cited as "Burnaby Loan Authorization By-law No. 1, 1977"
- be brought forward;


.../p.3.

ITEM	19
MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	69
COUNCIL MEETING	Oct. 11/77

- 3 -

RECOMMENDATIONS (CONT'D):

- (b) THAT the Advanced Poll By-Law provide therein that the Advanced Poll be held at the Burnaby Municipal Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C.;
- (c) THAT the Advanced Poll By-Law provide therein that the Advanced Poll be kept open from eight-thirty o'clock in the forenoon until eight o'clock in the afternoon;
- (d) THAT the Advanced Poll be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth days of November, 1977.


James Hudson,
MUNICIPAL CLERK.

JH/dew