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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	67
COUNCIL MEETING	Oct. 3/77

Re: ADVANCED POLL FOR 1977 ANNUAL ELECTION
AND VOTING ON BY-LAW NO. 7094 - "BURNABY
LOAN AUTHORIZATION BY-LAW NO. 1, 1977"

Following is a report from the Municipal Clerk on a proposed by-law for an advance poll and voting on "Burnaby Loan Authorization By-law No. 1, 1977".

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO:	MUNICIPAL MANAGER	DATE:	September 27, 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"		

During the years 1969 to 1975 (both inclusive) an Advanced Poll for the Annual Election was held on the three days immediately prior to Polling Day.

In 1976, in addition to being held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, November 17, 18 and 19, between the hours of 8:30 o'clock in the forenoon and 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon, the Advanced Poll was also held on Friday, November 12, 1976 between the hours of 8:30 o'clock in the forenoon and 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon (Polling day was Saturday, November 20).

The number of electors making use of the Advanced Poll during the past six Annual Elections has been as follows:

1976	-	286
1975	-	226
1974	-	71
1973	-	118
1972	-	55
1971	-	96

In 1974 the Advanced Poll hours were extended from five o'clock in the afternoon until eight o'clock. The elector turnout for the 1976 Advanced Poll was as follows:

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	Friday Nov.12	Wednesday Nov.17	Thursday Nov.18	Friday Nov.19	TOTALS
8:30 - 9:30	2	2	3	7	14
9:30 - 10:30	6	8	3	1	18
10:30 - 11:30	5	12	2	7	26
11:30 - 12:30	3	9	3	5	20
12:30 - 1:30	7	16	10	3	36
1:30 - 2:30	9	6	7	3	25
2:30 - 3:30	9	7	7	5	28
3:30 - 4:30	1	6	11	7	25
4:30 - 5:30		4	2	5	11
5:30 - 6:30		8	9	2	19
6:30 - 7:30		17	17	12	46
7:30 - 8:00		15	1	2	18
TOTALS	42	110	75	59	286

Section 54 of the "Municipal Act" provides in part:

- "54. (1) *The Council may by By-law provide for the holding of an advanced poll at all elections, including submissions to the electors.*
- (2) *The advanced poll shall be opened by the Returning Officer at the place or places specified in the By-law and kept open during such hours on each of the days that are appointed in the By-law.*
- (3) *The persons who are permitted to vote at an advanced poll are only those who, being duly qualified electors, sign a statement that*
- (a) *they expect to be absent from the municipality on polling day; or*
 - (b) *they are, for reasons of conscience, prevented from voting on polling day; or*
 - (c) *through circumstances beyond their control they will not be able to attend the poll on polling day."*

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;
- (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;

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RECOMMENDATIONS (CONT'D):

- (d) 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.

James Hudson.
James Hudson,
MUNICIPAL CLERK.

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