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The Inaugural Meeting of the 1977 Municipal Council was held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Tuesday, January 4, 1977 commencing at 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Mayor T.W. Constable
Alderman G.D. Ast
Alderman D.P. Drummond
Alderman A.H. Emmott
Alderman D.A. Lawson
Alderman-Elect W.A. Lewarne
Alderman F.G. Randall
Alderman-Elect R.D. Stewart
Alderman V.V. Stusiak

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STAFF:

Mr. M.J. Shelley, Municipal Manager
Mr. E.E. Olson, Municipal Engineer
Mr. A.L. Parr, Director of Planning
Mr. T. Nairn, Director-Fire Services
Supt. C.L. Thomas, O.I.C. Burnaby Detachment, R.C.M.P.
Mr. James Hudson, Municipal Clerk

Reverend Father John Swinkels, St. Francis De Sales Church, opened the meeting with prayer.

His Honour Judge D.S. Collins, Provincial Court Judge, then officiated at the Swearing-In Ceremony and administered the Oath of Allegiance and Declaration of Office to William Alfred Lewarne, Frederick George Randall, Roderick David Stewart and Victor Virgo Stusiak.

His Worship, Mayor Constable then delivered his Inaugural Address.

"It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the Inaugural Meeting of the 1977 Burnaby Municipal Council. My appreciation to Reverend Father Swinkels in leading us in the Opening Prayers, and our thanks to His Honour, Judge Collins, who conducted the Swearing-In Ceremonies.

I would like to begin by congratulating Aldermen Randall and Stusiak on their re-election. Their positive contribution to this Council during the past year has been very much appreciated and I look forward to working with them in the best interests of Burnaby in the coming year. A warm welcome to Bill Lewarne, well known to Council and whose past experience will be of great value to him as he returns to Council. Congratulations also to Rod Stewart on his election and although he is truly the only newcomer to Council, I am certain it will not be long before he is into the swing of things.

To the outgoing members of Council, Brian M. Gunn and George H.F. McLean, we certainly all join together to thank them for their successful efforts on behalf of the people of Burnaby. Brian will be remembered for his stubborn tenacity in pursuing what he concluded was correct. George will be remembered for his wit and forthrightness. Many sacrifices have been made by these people and they have shared a common goal - to keep Burnaby the best Municipality in B.C.

On behalf of the Council I would also congratulate the newly elected School Board members - Elsie Dean, Barry Jones and June Williams. It is imperative that School Board and Council work hand in hand to provide the needed services to help make a thriving and healthy community. This is most important, particularly as we develop our respective budgets.

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I know you will all join me in thanking all those who offered their services as candidates for office so that they might make their contribution to making Burnaby an even better community. Without the participation of people like them our democratic system would not be able to function.

At this time, I would draw to your attention the devotion of the many citizens who give up their time, voluntarily, on the various Boards, Committees and Commissions. They provide the Council with policy recommendations that give our deliberations depth and in many cases take much of the administrative burden off the shoulders of a busy Council.

In particular, Miss Hazel Simnett, who has served six years on the Library Board and is therefore not eligible for re-appointment, is retiring this year. Miss Simnett served as Chairman of the Board and was also involved as a member of the Greater Vancouver Library Council and latterly the Greater Vancouver Library Federation of which she was Vice-Chairman and Chairman. Hazel is also the current President of Century Park Museum Association.

John Mundie, also served on the Library Board for five years, and has shared responsibility for many far reaching decisions that have made our Library system the envy of many Municipalities. John is now living on Mayne Island and I am sure we all join together in wishing him well.

Our thanks also to Mrs. Beattie, Chairman of the Family Division Committee, on her six years of service to our community in that role. Although only on the Committee for a short while, Ed Coughlan was greatly respected for his vital contribution and we all share in the sorrow caused by his untimely death. Ed will indeed be missed.

Partly because of its geographic location and because of the times, Burnaby has seen much change since I first took office three and a half years ago. We are no longer the poor sister of Vancouver, but are truly established as a major force in the Regional District. When I first considered running for the office of Mayor of Burnaby, I realized the importance of the position of Chief Magistrate amidst these changing times and I feel that Councils in those subsequent years have met that challenge well. Consider that since 1973 the Burnaby population has increased from 134,100 to 142,500, notwithstanding that Federal Census figures may be slightly different. Park area controlled by Burnaby has increased by some 414 acres. In addition we have the Burnaby Mountain Park of approximately 750 acres plus the Burnaby Lake Regional Park of 444 acres (approx.)

There is every indication that some major secondary industries are anxiously awaiting an uplift in the economy so that they can take the opportunity to develop in Burnaby. Burnaby Municipal Council in that time since 1973 has provided total access to all information related to major and local changes within the Municipality. No less than six public meetings sponsored by Council have been held in neighbourhoods where concerned citizens expressed the desire to meet with their Council representatives.

Major conceptual plans affecting Deer Lake, Burnaby Lake, Burrard Inlet Marine Park System, the Central Administrative Core in the immediate area of the Municipal Hall, Metro Town Centre of Kingsway, Town Centres of Northwest Hastings Area, Lougheed Hall area and also the Oakalla Park lands have been studied and adopted by the Council and the various Commissions affected by them. All this means that Burnaby will continue to be a well-planned community where people are part of the process and not the servants of it.

Consider that the maximization of our assets at the Sperling and Willingdon Freeway interchanges has enabled us to promote good clean industry to help establish a balanced tax base, while minimizing the inconvenience to our residents and still maintain open space particularly

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our large open areas at our two lakes. Consider that since 1973 when I took office, our Councils have kept our tax increases overall among the lowest in the Lower Mainland, and yet still our services have improved each year. Consider that without too much fuss we have been able to convince developers that they should contribute towards the retention of a liveable environment through the parkland levy. Consider that through the efforts of many of our citizens, our R.C.M.P. Detachment, and Council, break-ins have shown a remarkable decline. Particularly, I want to thank Erwin Swangard and the Burnaby-Kingsway Rotary Club for pioneering Operation Identification. Consider that some 2000 acres of Burnaby Mountain have now been designated as a Conservation Area thereby preserving roughly 10% of the Municipality and in the most strategic location as an open space feature for future generations. This highly desirable land, from a developers' point of view, will therefore now be utilized as a natural park for our citizens for hiking, riding and general passive recreational purposes. Those are the programmes that I wanted implemented when I sought office and I am proud to see many of those programmes come to fruition.

But what of the future? The next few years will continue to be exciting ones - not only for Council - but for all those involved in the future of our Community. B.C. Telephone will officially open its new headquarters at Kingsway and Boundary. Despite some Provincial Government holdup, I propose to recommend to Council that we proceed to rezone the 159 acres known as the Oakalla Lands plus municipal holdings within the park area to P3 (Park and Public Use District) and to ask our Parks and Recreation Commission and our Planning Department to work towards implementation of the development of this Park particularly so that there may be some access for our citizens this summer.

Hopefully this year we will overcome the skepticism of many who said that it could not be done and provide some public access to our Burrard Inlet Marine Park this year. We will see the completion of the Broadway extension, relieving some of the traffic congestion at North Road and Austin and minimizing the through traffic through the residential area of Sullivan Heights. I am also optimistic that we will see a start to the new Marine Way.

This year will also see the implementation of biennial elections thereby saving our taxpayers dollars.

We will see the completion of the Dominion Building, the Sperling Plaza and the start of many other projects - in fact, the continuous development of non-polluting industry and new residential areas.

As a result of my discussions with various Federal Cabinet Ministers just prior to the Christmas Holidays, I am now very confident we will see the return of the George Derby Lands to the Municipality this year. These are facts and achievements indeed and yet while we are growing and while the overall face of the Municipality is changing, our Parks and People ratio is increasing. Our taxes are remaining fairly stable we are coping with the problem of traffic congestion, our industry is generally non-polluting. The Municipal Council of Burnaby has been, and I hope will continue to be, in control of the problems of Burnaby and that is good. Nevertheless there is always room for more unfilled ambition, and as I enter the last year of this term there are things that I shall continue to fight for as Mayor of Burnaby with the help of Council. Transportation is one of these problems. The development of a light rapid transit system is one of the most needed services which the Municipalities of the Regional District will have to work for in the next few years. However, such a project will not come to fruition unless the Provincial Government is prepared to provide the funds for a start of a light rapid transit corridor study and I will continue to do everything in my power as a Director of the Greater Vancouver Regional District and as a member of this Council, to see that an early start to a Transit System is made. To this end I have arranged for a meeting of Council with the staff of the Regional District in January to discuss and hopefully support the G.V.R.D. proposal for the future transportation needs in this area.

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Despite the defeat of the Referendum for the Kensington Overpass the continuous operation and congestion of traffic at the Sperling crossing still remains an urgent problem - a problem that I know is of concern to all members of Council. We are therefore currently meeting and discussing with the members of the Kensington Home Owners' Association methods of solving this problem that can be acceptable to them and provide the essential overpass of Still Creek, the Railway and Lougheed Highway.

Burnaby is fortunate that in the past few years the transportation network provided by B.C. Hydro has improved to a great extent. Unfortunately we have seen little improvement during the past year and we must continue to press for better and more efficient service to the newly developed areas of our community.

Despite a picture of gloom painted by many economists and politicians, I predict a fairly good economic year during 1977 for British Columbia and I hope that behind the veil of restraint and cutbacks, the Provincial Government will come forward in the next twelve months and particularly review the recommendations of the Tax Review Commission, recommendations which have so far seemed to be completely ignored. I hope the Provincial Government will increase the per capita grant and make more revenue sharing monies available. More Provincial funds must be made available for housing, transportation, and the programs giving assistance for development of recreational and cultural facilities must be made available again this year.

It is my intention to remain involved politically to ensure that the interests of the Municipality and individuals in the field of housing is protected. While some of the recommendations contained in the Bawlf report will have a beneficial effect, others will not assist one iota in making more housing available to those that need it most. Municipalities have different problems - different characteristics - therefore they must have varying regulatory functions. Before any changes are contemplated by the Provincial Government there must be a much better opportunity for wide-ranging discussion between all those affected. Particularly I hope to see the northwest corner of Burnaby, currently an eyesore as one approaches from Vancouver, developed in a manner both compatible to the area and the residents. It is my fond hope that the year 1977 will see a start to some development in the Hastings corridor from Boundary to Gilmore.

The past year's activities at Council for 99.9% of the time has been one of co-operation and not confrontation. We have not sought headlines and have set aside our political differences and we have achieved, thanks to our competent staff, our active ratepayer groupes and a vigilant Council, an envied community set in one of Canada's rapidly growing centres. I am sure the 1977 Council activities will be more of the same. I look forward to working with the 1977 Council with great enthusiasm.

Thank you all for your attendance this evening.

The following appointments and re-appointments are recommended:

Parks and Recreation Commission (Term - 2 years)

Mr. A.E. Lock, 7768 Langley Street, Burnaby, B.C.
Mr. J.P. Daem, 3018 Carina Place, Burnaby, B.C.
Mrs. E.L. Fisher, 1266 Sherlock Avenue, Burnaby, B.C.

Library Board

Two Year Term: M.M. Gordon, 1795 Blaine Avenue, Burnaby, B.C.
G. Houlden, 7440 Waverley Avenue, Burnaby, B.C.
T.A. Motiuk, 5503 Brookdale Court, Burnaby, B.C.
H. Moysiuk, 7931 Rosewood Street, Burnaby, B.C.

One Year Term: (to replace J. Mundie)
B. Zarazun, 1308 Blaine Avenue, Burnaby, B.C.

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Advisory Planning Commission:

Three Year Term: D.S. Wood, 3992 Spruce Street, Burnaby, B.C.
T.K. Bastable, 9785 Lyndhurst Street, Burnaby, B.C.
A. Verlaan, 1743 Taralawn Court, Burnaby, B.C.
Two Year Term: G.H.F. McLean, 4378 Halley Avenue, Burnaby, B.C.
(to replace E.R. Loftus)

Family Division Committee:

B. Chobotuck, 8247 - 16th Avenue, Burnaby, B.C.
I. Laidley, 5470 Hardwick Street, Burnaby, B.C.
M. Hellier, 7210 Frances Street, Burnaby, B.C.
I.J. VanAlstine, 4878 Bond Street, Burnaby, B.C.
M. Dixon, #9, 7675 Edmonds Street, Burnaby, B.C.
Rev. G.A. Morrison, 7092 Jubilee Avenue, Burnaby, B.C.
K. Stanton, 5550 Keith Street, Burnaby, B.C.
W. Nicolle, 4390 Rumble Street, Burnaby, B.C."

MOVED BY ALDERMAN RANDALL:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN AST:

"THAT the recommendations of the Mayor be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN EMMOTT:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN STUSIAK:

"THAT Alderman D.P. Drummond be appointed Acting-Mayor for the months of January and February, 1977."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN LAWSON:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN DRUMMOND:

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

- a) Alderman F.G. Randall - Advisory Planning Commission
- b) Alderman D.P. Drummond - Burnaby Hospital Board
- c) Alderman D.A. Lawson - Burnaby Impaired Drivers' Course Committee
- d) Alderman F.G. Randall - Burnaby Public Library Board
- e) Alderman F.G. Randall - Century Park Museum Association
- f) Alderman D.A. Lawson - Justice Council
- g) Mayor T.W. Constable - New Vista Society
- h) Alderman G.D. Ast - Parks and Recreation Commission
- i) Alderman W.A. Lewarne - Parks and Recreation Commission
- j) Alderman W.A. Lewarne - United Community Services, Burnaby Division
- k) Mayor T.W. Constable - Chairman and Aldermen G.D. Ast and D.A. Lawson as members - Grants and Publicity Committee
- l) Alderman V.V. Stusiak - Chairman and Aldermen G.D. Ast and A.H. Emmott as members - Housing Committee
- m) All Members of the Municipal Council - Local Court of Revision
- n) Alderman D.P. Drummond - Chairman and Aldermen F.G. Randall and R.D. Stewart as members - Pollution Committee
- o) Alderman A.H. Emmott - Chairman and Aldermen D.P. Drummond and R.D. Stewart as members - Traffic Safety Committee"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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MOVED BY ALDERMAN STUSIAK:
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN RANDALL:

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

Administration of Justice	--	Alderman D.A. Lawson
Building Department	--	Alderman D.P. Drummond
Finance Department	--	Alderman V.V. Stusiak
Fire Department	--	Alderman A.H. Emmott
Health Department	--	Alderman W.A. Lewarne
Human Resources (Provincial)	--	Alderman R.D. Stewart
Planning Department	--	Alderman F.G. Randall
Public Works	--	Alderman G.D. Ast"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN DRUMMOND:
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EMMOTT:

"THAT the following members of Council be appointed as alternates to Boards of Directors -- Greater Vancouver Regional District and Greater Vancouver Regional Hospital District:

Alternates -- Aldermen G.D. Ast 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 AST:
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LEWARNE:

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

Housing Committee:	Representative	- Alderman V.V. Stusiak
Park Committee:	Representative	- Alderman A.H. Emmott
Planning Committee:	Representative	- Mayor T.W. Constable
Transportation Committee:	Representative	- Alderman G.D. Ast"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN LEWARNE:
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LAWSON:

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

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN STEWART:
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN AST:

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

- a) Alderman F.G. Randall as Chairman; Aldermen A.H. Emmott and R.D. Stewart as members - Cab Licence Study Committee

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- b) Alderman V.V. Stusiak as Chairman; Aldermen D.A. Lawson and F.G. Randall as Members - Election Procedures Committee
- c) Alderman D.A. Lawson as Chairman; Mayor T.W. Constable and Alderman V.V. Stusiak as Members - Exempt Staff Council Committee
- d) Alderman V.V. Stusiak as Chairman; Aldermen W.A. Lewarne and F.G. Randall as Members - Self-Serve Service Station Committee
- e) Alderman D.A. Lawson as Chairman; Aldermen D.P. Drummond and R.D. Stewart as Members - Sign By-law Committee
- f) Alderman G.D. Ast as Chairman; Aldermen D.P. Drummond and W.A. Lewarne 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 EMMOTT:

"THAT the 1977 Provisional Budget be received and be brought forward for consideration at the January 10, 1977 meeting of Council."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN LAWSON:
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN STEWART:

"THAT this meeting do now adjourn."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

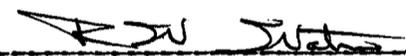
The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Confirmed:



Mayor

Certified Correct:



Deputy Municipal Clerk