

DECEMBER 5, 1977

The Inaugural Meeting of the 1978 Municipal Council was held in the Council Chambers, Municipal Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Monday, December 5, 1977 commencing at 8:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor T.W. Constable, in the Chair
Alderman G.D. Ast
Alderman D.P. Drummond
Alderman A.H. Emmott
Alderman D.A. Lawson
Alderman W.A. Lewarne
Alderman-Elect D.M. Mercier
Alderman F.G. Randall

Absent: Alderman-Elect B.M. Gunn

Staff: Mr. M.J. Shelley, Municipal Manager
Mr. E.E. Olson, Municipal Engineer
Mr. T. Nairn, Director-Fire Services
Superintendent C.L. Thomas, Officer-in-Charge,
Burnaby Detachment, R.C.M.P.
Mr. James Hudson, Municipal Clerk

O P E N I N G P R A Y E R

Reverend Father Joseph Ponti, Saint Helen's Parish, opened the meeting with prayer.

S W E A R I N G - I N C E R E M O N I E S

His Honour Judge D.F. McNeill, Judge of the Provincial Court of the Province of British Columbia, then officiated at the Swearing In Ceremony and administered the Oath of Allegiance and Declaration of Office to Mayor Thomas William Constable, Alderman Gerald Duane Ast, Alderman Douglas Patrick Drummond, Alderman Alan Herbert Emmott, Alderman Doreen Anne Lawson, Alderman William Alfred Lewarne, Alderman-Elect David Maurice Mercier, and Alderman Frederick George Randall.

I N A U G U R A L A D D R E S S

His Worship, Mayor Constable then delivered his inaugural address:

"It is with pleasure that I welcome you to the Inaugural Meeting of the 1978 Burnaby Municipal Council. My appreciation to Reverend Ponti for leading us in Opening Prayers, and my thanks to His Honour, Judge McNeill, who conducted the swearing-in of Council. The process of an election campaign can be demanding but I am pleased to see that members of Council seem none the worse for wear! However, my congratulations to you all on your re-election. A particular welcome to both Alderman-Elect Gunn, who is unable to be with us this evening, and Alderman Mercier, both of whom have been on a short sabbatical. Their past experience will, I am sure, be of value to Council. I look forward to working with you all in the best interests of our community.

To the outgoing members of Council, Vic Stusiak and Rod Stewart, I am sure you will all join me in thanking them for their dedication to their responsibilities and attention to their duties as Aldermen. Rod, although only on Council for one year, did not take long to settle in and made an excellent contribution in the debates and decisions of the 1977 Council. I am sure we will see more of him in the future. Vic Stusiak, of course, has been around for a long time, involved in various community activities and projects. He served on the 1971 Centennial Committee, and also sat on the Parks and Recreation Commission, and was elected to Council in 1973. With Vic you always knew that he had done his homework and was completely familiar with the Agenda. He has served the community well and deserves the thanks of the community. To both Vic and Rod - we thank them for their successful efforts and sacrifices on behalf of the people of Burnaby.

Our congratulations also to our newly-elected School Board Trustees, Gary Begin and Don Brown. It is important for us to remember that we both serve the same taxpayers and in this regard, it is imperative that we work together to provide the best of needed services for our community.

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We owe a debt of gratitude to all who offered their services as candidates for office in Burnaby. It serves our democratic system that the electorate have a choice to represent them in our municipal government. Without their participation our community would surely suffer. It is essential that the public recognize that there are also many other people besides members of Council and School Board, who serve on our various boards and committees. All these people participate with the knowledge that they are helping to improve the livability of our community. It is our responsibility to show our appreciation and encourage them. In the near future I will be submitting to Council for their approval, a Certificate of Appreciation, which I have drawn up which can be presented to such persons. Mr. Wilson Nicolle is one of those volunteers referred to. However, because of business pressures he has found it necessary to resign from the Family Division Committee but will still be very active in other areas, particularly in Scouting. We thank him for his involvement.

Personally, I was very happy to have received the vote of support from the people of Burnaby, and look forward to a very exciting two years. It has been said many times that Burnaby is no longer the bedroom community of Vancouver and I am very pleased to have been a part of those changes which sees our Municipality create its own identity.

We recognize that for many thousands of people who live in the Greater Vancouver Regional District to reach their place of employment in Vancouver, it is necessary for them to travel through Burnaby and some find it easier to commute by using our residential streets. This cannot continue and the construction of more and wider roads is not the complete answer. If we soon don't start to implement a mass transit system, we can forget about making our communities better places to live in. We hear too much talk of why a light rapid transit system cannot be implemented. We hear the arguments it is too expensive - that we do not need it yet - nobody would use it, etcetera. These are all old cliches that are cop-outs by politicians and professionals alike. In the next two years I will work even harder to improve our transit services and I must say that during the last five years we have seen some improvement in the transit services that have been provided in Burnaby. But I do not think that we can continue to move all our commuters by rubber wheeled vehicles. Further reflection is unnecessary. We must make a commitment to a light rapid transit system and we must make it now. On 8th of November at an all-candidates meeting, I announced that the municipalities affected by the heaviest concentrations of traffic, namely Vancouver, New Westminster and Burnaby should work together on a feasibility study to implement a light rapid transit system between those three municipalities. I was pleased to see, the following day, that Mayor Volrich and Mayor Evers supported the idea, particularly because it appeared that the Provincial government did not see Light Rapid Transit as an urgent priority. Burnaby Council recently received one of the most important reports that has come before it in the last twenty years - and I refer to the "Burnaby Metrotown Study" that will see the development of part of the Kingsway corridor into a Town Centre that people, in the future, will look upon with great pride. The proposed Town Centre will provide commercial, residential, cultural and recreational facilities to serve the people in the Regional District. The need for Metro Town Centres was created from a desire to handle our regional transportation problems and to take care of our population growth in a controlled manner. The development of a Metro Town Centre will take a long time and so is not completely dependent on a light rapid transit system as of yesterday. However, I cannot see the success of the project unless it is finally linked to a light rapid transit system which will provide a fast commuter service to the people of this area. We will have to be able to move people from Surrey to Downtown Vancouver within twenty minutes, and this just cannot be accomplished by building wider roads and more bridges. Structures such as these will not speed up traffic and will be extremely costly, and ironically it would cost us more in dollars than it would for a light rapid transit system. Location studies have already been completed by the G.V.R.D. and while there is still some debate as to the dispersal of the system in the downtown area it is generally accepted where the rest of the system would be located. It would travel the B.C. Hydro line right through Central Park to the west of Victoria Drive, through the east side of Trout Lake, through the Burlington Northern- Canadian National cut, through the marshalling yards to Main Street, with an exit to Carrall Street to eventually end up at the CPR, coming back in a loop through the downtown core, and back out again. These preliminary studies, in my opinion, proves that some of the current procrastination serves no good purpose.

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What must be done now, are the engineering studies to design the small bridges and crossings, to estimate the costs, obtain design structures for the stations, and get the bids for supply of the vehicles, as well as provide the expertise needed to implement the entire system. It is to this end, that I have appointed Alderman Gunn as Chairman of the Transit Committee where his expertise in engineering and transportation matters will be very important. It is my intention to recommend to Council, as early as possible, that we expand the terms of reference of that committee to allow it to review all matters related to a light rapid transit system, bus routes, truck traffic and a review of the Burnaby Road Study. I see these matters as being of great importance to our Municipality, and I am sure that the 1978/79 Council will deal with them with some great urgency. It is my intention to recommend to Council that we set aside moneys - maybe up to one mill of our tax levy, for the purpose of financing the studies that I have referred to so that we can see the realization of a mass transit system and a start to it in the very near future. It is also my hope that my counterparts in the City of Vancouver and the City of New Westminster will make the same commitments, so we can stop talking and start working. In a personal discussion with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Honourable Hugh Curtis, he has assured me that it is the intention of the Provincial Government to meet their commitments to the municipalities that they will receive the approximately 140 million dollars in grants during 1978. This means, that if this Council adopts the 1978 Provisional Budget, then there will be no increases to the general residential or business taxes. This will also demonstrate the concern of the Burnaby Council over the last few years, and hopefully in 1978, that in times of national financial difficulties, we must keep our expenditures, and subsequently our taxes, at a reasonable level.

During the last two years, there has been an increased interest from ratepayer's groups in particular who have voiced their concerns with regard to the future of their Municipality, and who have monitored the activities of their Council. I would encourage them all to continue that interest and particularly would hope that they would have some input into the deliberations of the Transit Committee. I still believe that the Kensington Overpass is an urgent and much needed priority. We must overcome the bottleneck and congestion of traffic at the railway crossing and I think it is important, even though it may be repetitious, to point out that the Kensington Homeowners' Association also want an overpass - the difference is where it should be located. This matter, undoubtedly, will be debated in the near future.

It is hoped that we will soon see the start of the cultural and recreational complex in the North-East Sector of the Municipality. As well, we have the ongoing Neighbourhood Improvement Programmes, one in the Edmonds area - the other in the Willingdon Heights area. These three projects, in particular, are improvement programmes which form a part of our overall plan for the betterment of our community. The challenges ahead, of this Council, are of great magnitude and I am looking forward to working with the varied talents and expertise assembled on this Council. It will also be interesting to note how this first full two-year term Council adapts to the new procedure. It was a step which seems to have been favourably received by both the taxpayer and elected representatives.

In conclusion, I want to offer an invitation to all our citizens to communicate to us your concerns and your ideas, to call the Mayor or the Aldermen, if you have any questions or require information. In my opinion, this Burnaby Council can only function responsibly and in your interests if it is kept aware of your concerns, your wishes and your desires. Our record on the Burnaby Council shows that we take time to listen and reflect on the proposals made by our community groups. We may not always agree, but at least we have to keep talking and working together. The strength of the electorate determines the strength of your Council. Judging from the calibre of the people that you have elected to your Council, I would say that we have a good, strong electorate. As a team, I am sure, that we will be successful in working together for a better Burnaby.

Thank you ladies and gentlemen for your attendance this evening."

The following appointments and re-appointments are recommended:

Parks and Recreation Commission:

(Term - 2 years)

Mr. G.H. Cannon, 5826 Keith Street, Burnaby, B.C.

Mr. R.J. Smith, 4518 Clinton Street, Burnaby, B.C.

Library Board:

(Term - 2 years)

- Mr. G.E. Smith, 3786 Arbor Street, Burnaby, B.C.
- Mrs. B.J. Zarazun, 1308 Blaine Drive, Burnaby, B.C.

Advisory Planning Commission:

(Term - 3 years)

- Mr. D.M. Herd, 4751 Clinton Street, Burnaby, B.C.
- Mr. E.A. Nial, 16 N. Holdom Avenue, Burnaby, B.C.
- Rev. F.H. Ward, 314 Delta Avenue North, Burnaby, B.C.

Board of Variance:

(Term - 3 years)

- Mr. J.A. Carlberg, 6350 Malvern Avenue, Burnaby, B.C.

Family Division Committee:

(Term - 1 year)

- Rev. R.G. Morrison, 7092 Jubilee Avenue, Burnaby, B.C.
- Mrs. I.M. Laidley, 5470 Hardwick Street, Burnaby, B.C.
- Mrs. E. Chobotuck, 8247 16th Avenue, Burnaby, B.C.
- Mrs. M. Dixon, Ste. #9, 7675 Edmonds Street, Burnaby, B.C.
- Mrs. M.B. Hellier, 7210 Frances Street, Burnaby, B.C.
- Mr. N.R.K. Stainton, 5550 Keith Street, Burnaby, B.C.
- Mrs. I.J. VanAlstine, 4878 Bond Street, Burnaby, B.C.
- Rev. H. Neufeld, 4551 Charlotte Court, Burnaby, B.C.

MOVED BY ALDERMAN RANDALL:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN AST:

"THAT the recommendations of His Worship, the Mayor, be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING-MAYOR FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 1978

MOVED BY ALDERMAN EMMOTT:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LAWSON:

"THAT Alderman W.A. Lewarne be appointed Acting-Mayor for the months of January and February, 1978."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPOINTMENT TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS,
AND BURNABY ORGANIZATIONS

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 General Hospital Board
- c) Alderman D.A. Lawson - Burnaby Impaired Drivers' Course Advisory Committee
- d) Alderman D.A. Lawson - Burnaby Justice Council
- e) Alderman F.G. Randall - Burnaby Public Library Board
- f) Alderman F.G. Randall - Century Park Museum Association
- g) Alderman D.A. Lawson - Family Division Committee
- h) Mayor T.W. Constable - New Vista Society
- i) Alderman G.D. Ast - Parks and Recreation Commission
- j) Alderman W.A. Lewarne - Parks and Recreation Commission

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- k) Alderman F.G. Randall - Robert Burnaby Committee
- l) Alderman W.A. Lewarne - United Community Services,
Burnaby Division
- m) Mayor T.W. Constable, Chairman - Grants and Publicity Committee
Alderman G.D. Ast, Member
Alderman D.A. Lawson, Member
- n) Alderman G.D. Ast, Chairman - Housing Committee
Alderman A.H. Emmott, Member
Alderman D.M. Mercier, Member
- o) All Members of Municipal Council- Local Court of Revision
- p) Alderman D.P. Drummond, Chairman- Pollution Committee
Alderman D.M. Mercier, Member
Alderman F.G. Randall, Member
- q) Alderman A.H. Emmott, Chairman - Traffic Safety Committee
Alderman D.P. Drummond, Member
Alderman D.M. Mercier, Member."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL LIAISON WITH MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS

MOVED BY ALDERMAN AST:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LEWARNE:

"THAT the following Aldermen be appointed as Council Liaison with the Departments of the Municipality as follows:

- a) Alderman D.A. Lawson - Administration of Justice
- b) Alderman D.P. Drummond - Building Department
- c) Alderman B.M. Gunn - Finance Department
- d) Alderman A.H. Emmott - Fire Department
- e) Alderman W.A. Lewarne - Health Department
- f) Alderman D.M. Mercier - Human Resources (Provincial)
- g) Alderman F.G. Randall - Planning Department
- h) Alderman G.D. Ast - Public Works."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL ALTERNATES TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Greater Vancouver Regional District and
Greater Vancouver Regional District Hospital District;

MOVED BY ALDERMAN DRUMMOND:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EMMOTT:

"THAT Alderman G.D. Ast and Alderman D.A. Lawson be appointed as Municipal Alternates to the Board of Directors of the Greater Vancouver Regional District and the Greater Vancouver Regional Hospital District."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Municipal Directors, Mayor T.W. Constable and Alderman A.H. Emmott, were elected on November 19, 1977)

APPOINTMENTS TO REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

MOVED BY ALDERMAN MERCIER:
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LAWSON:

"THAT the following Members of Council be appointed to regional organizations as shown:

- a) Alderman D.P. Drummond - Burnaby Mental Health Centre
 Alderman G.D. Ast, Alternate Citizens' Advisory Committee.
- b) Alderman A.H. Emmott - Greater Vancouver Visitors'
 Alderman F.G. Randall, Alternate and Convention Bureau
- c) Alderman W.A. Lewarne - Metropolitan Board of Health of
 Alderman B.M. Gunn, Alternate Greater Vancouver."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPOINTMENTS TO SPECIAL COMMITTEES

MOVED BY ALDERMAN LEWARNE:
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN RANDALL:

"THAT the following members of Council be appointed to the special committees as indicated:

- a) Alderman F.G. Randall, Chairman - Cab Licence Study Committee
 Alderman A.H. Emmott, Member
 Alderman W.A. Lewarne, Member
- b) Alderman D.M. Mercier, Chairman - Election Procedures Committee
 Alderman D.A. Lawson, Member
 Alderman F.G. Randall, Member
- c) Alderman D.A. Lawson, Chairman - Exempt Staff Council Committee
 Mayor T.W. Constable, Member
 Alderman D.M. Mercier, Member
- d) Mayor T.W. Constable, Chairman - Fire Hall Study Committee
 Alderman A.H. Emmott, Member
 Alderman F.G. Randall, Member
- e) Alderman W.A. Lewarne, Chairman - Refineries Fire/Security Committee
 Alderman D.P. Drummond, Member
 Alderman B.M. Gunn, Member
- f) Alderman B.M. Gunn, Chairman - Transit Committee
 Alderman G.D. Ast, Member
 Alderman W.A. Lewarne, Member

(with power to recommend additional persons from civic commissions and lay persons)."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

P R O V I S I O N A L B U D G E T

MOVED BY ALDERMAN EMMOTT:
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LEWARNE:

"THAT the 1978 Provisional Budget be received and be brought forward for consideration at the December 12, 1977 meeting of Council."

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A D J O U R N M E N T

MOVED BY ALDERMAN AST:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MERCIER:

"THAT this meeting do now adjourn."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Confirmed:

Certified Correct:


MAYOR


DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK

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