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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	74
COUNCIL MEETING	1978 10 23

RE: ADVANCED POLL FOR THE 1978 ANNUAL ELECTION

Following is a report from the Municipal Clerk on a proposed by-law for an advanced poll relative to the 1978 annual election.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the recommendations of the Municipal Clerk be adopted.

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TO:	MUNICIPAL MANAGER	DATE:	1978 October 17
FROM:	MUNICIPAL CLERK	FILE:	2114
SUBJECT:	<u>ADVANCED POLL FOR THE 1978 ANNUAL ELECTION</u>		

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 1978 Annual Election 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 08:30 h until 20:00 h;
- (d) THAT the Advanced Poll be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 1978 November 15, 16 and 17.

R E P O R T

During the years 1969 to 1975 (both inclusive), and the year 1977, 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 08:00 h and 20:00 h, the Advanced Poll was also held on Friday, 1976 November 12 between the hours of 08:30 h and 16:30 h (polling-day was Saturday, November 20).

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

1977	-	388
1976	-	286
1975	-	226
1974	-	71
1973	-	118
1972	-	55
1971	-	96

In 1974 the Advanced Poll hours were extended from 17:00 h until 20:00 h. The elector turnout for the 1977 Advanced Poll was as follows:

	Wednesday Nov. 16	Thursday Nov. 17	Friday Nov. 18	Totals
08:30 h - 09:30 h	14	6	6	26
09:30 h - 10:30 h	7	11	10	28
10:30 h - 11:30 h	10	11	16	37
11:30 h - 12:30 h	14	9	11	34
12:30 h - 13:30 h	10	7	12	29
13:30 h - 14:30 h	9	15	2	26
14:30 h - 15:30 h	20	10	7	37
15:30 h - 16:30 h	4	10	10	24
16:30 h - 17:30 h	4	10	5	19
17:30 h - 18:30 h	12	12	6	30
18:30 h - 19:30 h	40	29	6	75
19:30 h - 20:00 h	8	13	2	23
T O T A L S	152	143	93	388

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."

James Hudson
MUNICIPAL CLERK.