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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 64  
COUNCIL MEETING 1979 09 24

RE: ADVANCED POLL FOR THE 1979 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Following is a report from the Municipal Clerk on a proposed by-law for an advanced poll relative to the 1979 Municipal Election.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER   DATE: 1979 September 19  
FROM: MUNICIPAL CLERK   FILE: 2114  
SUBJECT: ADVANCED POLL FOR THE 1979 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

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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 1979 Municipal 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. V5G 1M2;
- (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, 1979 November 14, 15 and 16.

R E P O R T

During the years 1969 to 1975 (both inclusive), and the years 1977 and 1978, an Advanced Poll for the Municipal 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 eight Municipal Elections has been as follows:

1978 - 134	1974 - 71
1977 - 388	1973 - 118
1976 - 286	1972 - 55
1975 - 226	1971 - 96

In 1974 the Advanced Poll hours were extended from 17:00 h until 20:00 h.

The elector turnout for the 1978 Advanced Poll was as follows:

	Wednesday Nov. 15	Thursday Nov. 16	Friday Nov. 17	Totals
08:30 h - 09:30 h	6	0	5	11
09:30 h - 10:30 h	4	3	2	9
10:30 h - 11:30 h	10	4	6	20
11:30 h - 12:30 h	4	0	4	8
12:30 h - 13:30 h	7	3	4	14
13:30 h - 14:30 h	8	3	0	11
14:30 h - 15:30 h	8	3	1	12
15:30 h - 16:30 h	5	4	3	12
16:30 h - 17:30 h	1	2	2	5
17:30 h - 18:30 h	3	2	0	5
18:30 h - 19:30 h	6	8	4	18
19:30 h - 20:00 h	3	5	1	9
<b>T O T A L S</b>	<u>65</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>134</u>

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."

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MUNICIPAL CLERK.