

1979 DECEMBER 03

The Inaugural Meeting of the 1980 Municipal Council was held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Monday, 1979 December 03 commencing at 20:00 h.

PRESENT: Mayor-Elect D.M. Mercier, In the Chair
Alderman G.D. Ast
Alderman-Elect D.N. Brown
Alderman D.P. Drummond
Alderman D.A. Lawson
Alderman W.A. Lewarne
Alderman F.G. Randall
Alderman-Elect V.V. Stusiak

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

OPENING PRAYER

Reverend H.D. Neufeld, Willingdon Mennonite Brethren Church, opened the Inaugural Meeting with prayer.

SWEARING - IN CEREMONIES

Honourable Mr. Justice G.L. Murray, Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, then officiated at the Swearing-In Ceremony and administered the Oath of Allegiance and Declaration of Office to Mayor-Elect David Maurice Mercier, Alderman Gerald Duane Ast, Alderman-Elect Donald Neil Brown, Alderman Douglas Patrick Drummond, Alderman Alan Herbert Emmott, Alderman Doreen Anne Lawson, Alderman William Alfred Lewarne, Alderman Frederick George Randall, and Alderman-Elect Victor Virgo Stusiak.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

His Worship, Mayor Mercier, then delivered his inaugural address. The following is the text of the Mayor's inaugural address:

"Welcome to the Inaugural Meeting of Burnaby Council. A special welcome and congratulations to Burnaby's Federal representatives:

Member of Parliament Chuck Cook, Member for North Vancouver-Burnaby
Member of Parliament Svend Robinson, Member for the new Burnaby riding

and to Burnaby's Provincial representatives:

Former member of Burnaby School Board and re-elected in
Burnaby-North - Eileen Dailly

Former Alderman on Burnaby Council and re-elected in
Burnaby-Willingdon - James Lorimer
Burnaby-Edmonds - Rosemary Brown

I thank the Reverend H.D. Neufeld and the Honourable Mr. Justice George L. Murray for their participation in our ceremony.

It is traditional that the Mayor address the Inaugural Meeting and it is with pleasure that I so do.

Municipal Appreciation

Speaking for all the residents of Burnaby I congratulate - Doreen A. Lawson; William (Bill) A. Lewarne; Frederick (Fred) G. Randall; Douglas P. Drummond; Alan H. Emmott, who again topped the Aldermanic poll; and Gerald D. Ast, on their re-election to Council. I also congratulate Victor V. Stusiak on his return to Council after a two-year absence during which he maintained his interest in municipal matters.

I particularly wish to congratulate Donald N. Brown, with whom I was associated for some years in connection with South Burnaby Men's Club youth activities; he served as a Burnaby School Trustee, who finished second from the top of the polls in his election as Alderman.

It is appropriate to congratulate Gary Begin, Chairman of the Burnaby School Board, and the other School Trustees on their election or re-election as School Trustees.

The thanks and appreciation of Council and the residents of Burnaby are conveyed to those who have served on committees or in other voluntary capacities as follows:

Mr. David S. Wood who will have completed two 3-year terms on January 31, 1980 - a total of six years on the Advisory Planning Commission.

Mr. J.H. Corsbie who has completed a term of one year and two months on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mr. Gordon E. Smith who will have completed three 2-year terms on January 31, 1980 - a total of six years on the Burnaby Public Library Board.

Mr. Merrill M. Gordon who, until March of this year, served a total of three years and nine months on the Burnaby Public Library Board.

Mrs. R.M.E. Burnham who, on January 31, 1980, will have completed a term of one year and nine months on the Burnaby Public Library Board.

Mrs. I.J. Van Alstine who, until May of this year served a total of four years and five months on the Burnaby Justice Council/Family Court Committee.

On behalf of Council and the citizens of Burnaby, I offer sincere thanks to former Mayor Tom Constable for his service as Alderman and Mayor for eight years. We wish Tom good health, good luck and our best wishes for the future. I considered Tom a formidable opponent because of his years of service and my respect goes to him for a fairly fought election campaign. Our politics are different and our styles are different but Tom has dedicated considerable effort during his service to the residents of Burnaby and for this he has earned the appreciation of Burnaby, this Council and myself.

We also say thank you to Brian Gunn. Since his work will take him to South Africa in January Brian declined to seek re-election as Alderman. During his five and a half years on Council, Brian made a significant contribution to Burnaby, particularly as Chairman of the Transportation Committee on which he led in the preparation of Burnaby's Comprehensive Transportation Plan which will serve Burnaby for many years.

To those candidates who sought election but were not elected, I offer the thanks and appreciation of all the residents of Burnaby.

Your vigour, dedication and interest in community service are vital to our democratic system. Please remain interested and try again (and again, if necessary) since persistence can bring results.

With respect to my own election, I thank those who were supportive and particularly those who worked so hard on the campaign. I would like to digress for a moment to pay tribute to the guidance and help provided to me over the years. There are so many people to whom I am grateful but I would especially like to acknowledge the support, encouragement and inspiration of my folks and my family, some close friends and members of the Burnaby Voters' Association. It is a tribute to the persistence and dedication of its members that, after thirteen years of effort, one of their candidates was elected Mayor. I would like to acknowledge the introduction to politics and the motivation to get involved which were both provided by the late Emmet Cafferky, a former Burnaby Alderman and Mayoral Candidate, who, one day (it seems like a century ago), asked me, "Would you be interested in entering politics?"

The Role and Function of the Mayor

Despite six years' experience on Council, the legal responsibility wasn't clear to me so I checked the Municipal Act and found that Section 179 states, amongst other things, "The person elected as Mayor is the head and chief executive officer of the municipality. He is and has the rights and privileges of a member of the Council."

There are other obligations, many of a social nature, which are part and parcel of the Mayor's duties.

With the co-operation and assistance of Council members, I will not disappoint those who elected me for my promise of leadership and sound management.

Burnaby operates on the Manager System to which Section 185 of the Municipal Act refers and states in part ... "Council may by-law and, subject to certain restrictions, delegate to the Municipal Manager any of the powers conferred on the Council by the Act." The Manager is the Chief Administrative Officer and therefore I will require the assistance and effort of him and his staff to be successful.

I am sure the members of Council wish to avoid being buried in paper and administrative detail to the detriment of the real service they provide to the Burnaby taxpayers. Therefore, it is hoped Council, senior staff and I can work on reducing the mass of the weekly agenda while still preserving the significant information Council needs to be truly effective on policy and other matters which comprise their true duty.

Specific Programs

From the various proposals put forth during the election campaign the following struck me as being worthy of priority status:

- (a) Orderly implementation of the recommendations of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan. I will ask that the Planning Department be given the direction to revise community plans to conform with road, transit and LRT routes with specific attention given to the definition of and protection of local neighbourhood residential areas. We will request in the most direct and firm way the financial assistance of the Provincial Government to stage the work program projected to cover a number of years.
- (b) While we continue to worship at the idol of "the car", it is still necessary to co-operate with the regional body responsible for transit and the proposed LRT system, if only to protect our own interests. I favour a strong resistance to the use of property taxes to finance transit. Nevertheless we must move ahead with changes to our community planning, reservation of transit corridors and submission to the public of proposed zoning changes for transit stations and transfer points in order to provide for the eventual transit system.
- (c) Incorporation of and financial assistance to a non-profit mini-bus system in co-operation with various community volunteer groups and agencies to specifically provide the elderly, handicapped and shut-ins with transportation to and from daily activities.
- (d) Invitation to concerned citizens to participate in the planning process through expansion of the role of the Advisory Planning Commission; holding Public Hearings in locations throughout Burnaby using other locations in addition to the Municipal Hall and other procedural changes to do with the provision of advance notices of Hearings.

Other Proposals for Consideration

I would like Council's support during the next two years:

- to move ahead with objectives set for Metro Town, perhaps by incorporation of a Playhouse-type theatre or Art Gallery in a development proposal;
- for beautification of Still Creek on its course through Burnaby;

- for restriction of commercial or civic development of any kind around or near Deer Lake by setting aside a conservation area adjacent thereto retaining arts and craft shops and Heritage Village within limits;
- for development on the government-owned site at 3700/3900 Hastings Street.

I hope Council, in considering the Justice Building and the need for urgently required accommodation for our police detachment, will take an extremely long-range view and plan and build accordingly.

I ask the Housing Committee to immediately deal with and at an early date recommend to Council a proposal to cope with the thorny problem of illegal fourplex developments.

All the above is not to say there are no other matters of immediate or vital concern which will become evident in the coming months.

Closing Remarks

In the final month of the International Year of the Child it is appropriate that we think for a moment about children. In addition to the joy you can have from your relationship with children, it is for the long-term benefit of our country that we teach them love and brotherhood, encourage them to achieve and to have compassion for those who cannot. The children are the hope and security for our future and our task is clear.

On another note, I ask that we recognize the benefits of harmony and tolerance in our own neighbourhoods. For many years, we have had arrivals of new citizens to Canada from countries around the world, many with different cultures, customs and beliefs. We can have a richer community if we encourage new residents to preserve their historic backgrounds while they also accept and adopt the obligations and customs of their new country and new community.

I would like, over the next two years, to have a productive and warm personal relationship with Council, management staff, employees and union representatives and last, but not least, as many of the taxpayers as is possible while serving in public office."

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING-MAYOR FOR 1980 JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN EMMOTT:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LEWARNE:

"THAT Alderman D.A. Lawson be appointed Acting-Mayor for the months of 1980 January and February."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPOINTMENT TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES, BOARDS,
COMMISSIONS AND BURNABY ORGANIZATIONS

MOVED BY ALDERMAN LAWSON:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN STUSIAK:

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

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| (a) Alderman D.N. Brown | - Advisory Planning Commission |
| (b) Alderman W.A. Lewarne | - Burnaby Hospital Board |
| (c) Alderman G.D. Ast | - Burnaby Public Library Board |
| (d) Alderman V.V. Stusiak | - Century Park Museum Association |
| (e) Alderman W.A. Lewarne | - Family Court Committee |
| (f) Alderman D.A. Lawson | - New Vista Society |

- (g) Alderman D.N. Brown - Parks and Recreation Commission
- (h) Alderman F.G. Randall - Parks and Recreation Commission
- (i) Mr. G.H. Cannon - Parks and Recreation Commission
(Two year term)
- (j) Mr. John Thomson - Parks and Recreation Commission
(Two year term)
- (k) Alderman A.H. Emmott - United Way of Lower Mainland,
Burnaby Division
- (l) Alderman G.D. Ast, Chairman - Grants and Publicity Committee
Alderman D.N. Brown, Member
Alderman V.V. Stusiak, Member
- (m) Alderman F.G. Randall, Chairman -Housing Committee
Alderman D.P. Drummond, Member
Alderman A.H. Emmott, Member
- (n) Alderman D.P. Drummond, Chairman -Pollution Committee
Alderman D.A. Lawson, Member
Alderman F.G. Randall, Member
- (o) Alderman G.D. Ast, Chairman -Traffic Safety Committee
Alderman W.A. Lewarne, Member
Alderman V.V. Stusiak, Member
- (p) All Members of Municipal Council -Local Court of Revision"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COUNCIL LIAISON WITH MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS

MOVED BY ALDERMAN AST:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN DRUMMOND:

"THAT the following Council Members be appointed as Council Liaison for the functions shown:

- (a) Alderman A.H. Emmott - Building
- (b) Alderman D.A. Lawson - Engineering
- (c) Alderman V.V. Stusiak - Finance, Legal and Lands
- (d) Alderman F.G. Randall - Fire
- (e) Alderman G.D. Ast - Health and Environment
- (f) Alderman W.A. Lewarne - Justice
- (g) Alderman D.P. Drummond - Personnel
- (h) Alderman D.N. Brown - Planning" /

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL DIRECTORS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

-- Greater Vancouver Regional District and
Greater Vancouver Regional Hospital District

MOVED BY ALDERMAN RANDALL:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BROWN:

"THAT the following Council Members be appointed as Municipal Directors to the Greater Vancouver Regional District and Greater Vancouver Regional Hospital District Board of Directors:

Municipal Directors

Alternate Municipal Directors

Mayor D.M. Mercier
Alderman A.H. Emmott

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Alderman G.D. Ast
Alderman D.A. Lawson

CARRIED

OPPOSED: ALDERMAN DRUMMOND

APPOINTMENTS TO REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

*MOVED BY ALDERMAN LEWARNE:

*SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LAWSON:

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

- (a) Alderman D.P. Drummond - District Community School Advisory
Alderman D.N. Brown, Alternate and Co-ordinating Committee
- (b) Alderman F.G. Randall - Greater Vancouver Visitors' and
Alderman D.N. Brown, Alternate Convention Bureau
- (c) Alderman D.A. Lawson - Metropolitan Board of Health of
Alderman G.D. Ast, Alternate Greater Vancouver"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

APPOINTMENTS TO SPECIAL COMMITTEES

*MOVED BY ALDERMAN DRUMMOND:

*SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EMMOTT:

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

- (a) Alderman F.G. Randall, Chairman - Exempt Staff Council Committee
Mayor D.M. Mercier, Member
Alderman V.V. Stusiak, Member
 - (b) Mayor D.M. Mercier, Chairman - Justice Building Committee
Alderman G.D. Ast, Member
Alderman A.H. Emmott, Member
- Consulting with:
- Alderman W.A. Lewarne - Justice Liaison
 - Alderman D.N. Brown - Planning Liaison
- (c) Alderman W.A. Lewarne, Chairman - Refineries Safety and Security
Alderman D.P. Drummond, Member Committee
 - (d) Alderman W.A. Lewarne, Chairman - Transportation Committee"
Alderman G.D. Ast, Member
Alderman D.N. Brown, Member
Mr. W.G. Ramsell, Member
Mr. R.W. Tarling, Member

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PROVISIONAL BUDGET

MOVED BY ALDERMAN STUSIAK:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN AST:

"THAT the 1980 Provisional Budget be received and be brought forward for consideration at the 1979 December 10 meeting of Council."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A D J O U R N M E N T

MOVED BY ALDERMAN BROWN:
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN RANDALL:

"THAT the Inaugural Meeting of Council do now adjourn."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

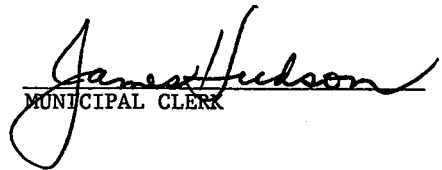
The meeting adjourned at 20:30 h.

Confirmed:

Certified Correct:



MAYOR



MUNICIPAL CLERK