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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	13
COUNCIL MEETING	1981 02 23

RE: 1981 PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS  
DELEGATION - DAVID B. FAIREY  
COUNCIL AGENDA 1981 JANUARY 19 (Item 2(b))

Mr. Fairey appeared as a delegation before Council at the meeting of 1981 January 19 and raised certain questions regarding property assessments.

The following is a report from the Municipal Treasurer regarding those questions.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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1981 February 18

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

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FROM: MUNICIPAL TREASURER

RE: 1981 PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS  
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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes; and
2. THAT Council ratify the action of the Treasurer in requesting the Assessment Authority to do an audit of refinery assessments in Burnaby; and
3. THAT a copy of this report for information purposes be forwarded to Chevron, Shell, Gulf oil companies; and
4. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. David B. Fairey.

REPORT

1. BACKGROUND

Mr. Fairey appeared as a delegation before Council 1981 January 19 and presented:

- 1) A Comparison of Taxable Assessments for General Purposes  
Taxation 1980 and 1981
- 2) Three petitions
- 3) A Comparison of Increases in Actual Assessed Values Refineries  
vs. Residential 1980 and 1981

Council referred the information submitted by Mr. Fairey to the Municipal Treasurer for his recommendation and subsequent report to Council.

2. MATERIAL PRESENTED TO COUNCIL

2.1 Comparison of Taxable Assessments

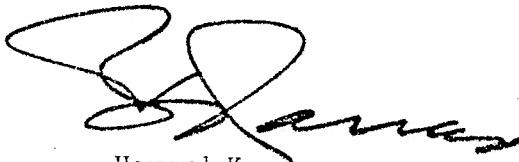
The figures for 1980 which Mr. Fairey used did not agree with those that had appeared in an earlier report from the Treasurer. The figures contained in the earlier Treasurer's report were rechecked with the Assessment Authority. They are in agreement with the 1980 authenticated assessment roll and are correct. I do not know the source of Mr. Fairey's figures.

## 2.2 Petitions and Comparison of Increases 1980 to 1981

This report does not address the issues raised in the petitions and the statement of comparative increases. For 1981, however, it is too late to appeal assessments because the deadline for submissions to the Court of Revision regarding assessments was January 20th, 1981.

## 3. ASSESSMENT AUDITS

The Assessment Authority has an Audit Division that reports directly to the Assessment Commissioner. It is the responsibility of the Audit Division to conduct independent audits throughout the Province for the Assessment Commissioner to ensure consistency and appropriateness of values set by Area Assessors. Mr. Gwartney, the Assessment Commissioner, has verbally agreed that upon receipt of a written request from Burnaby, he would institute an audit of refinery assessments in Burnaby. Tank farms and distribution centres would be included in the audit. I have written to Mr. Gwartney asking him to undertake such an audit. The time frame for the audit is not known because it depends upon existing priorities, and resources available. I have, however, asked to have the audit done in 1981, if possible, so that if there are any changes recommended they can be reflected in the 1982 assessments. The audit report is the property of the Assessment Commissioner, but a summary of the findings will be made available to the Municipality on a confidential basis.



Howard Karras  
MUNICIPAL TREASURER

cc: Area Assessor