

1982 FEBRUARY 08

A regular meeting of the Municipal Council was held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Monday, 1982 February 08 at 19:00 h.

PRESENT: Mayor W.A. Lewarne, In the Chair
Alderman T.W. Constable
Alderman A.H. Emmott
Alderman D.A. Lawson
Alderman G.H.F. McLean
Alderman E. Nikolai

ABSENT: Alderman D.N. Brown
Alderman D.P. Drummond
Alderman V.V. Stusiak

STAFF: Mr. M.J. Shelley, Municipal Manager
Mr. E.E. Olson, Director Engineering
Mr. A.L. Parr, Director Planning & Building Inspection
Mr. J.G. Plesha, Administrative Assistant to Manager
Mr. James Hudson, Municipal Clerk
Mr. B.D. Leche, Deputy Municipal Clerk

M I N U T E S

The minutes of the regular Council Meeting and Caucus Meeting "In Camera" held on 1982 February 01 came forward for adoption.

MOVED BY ALDERMAN NIKOLAI:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CONSTABLE:

"THAT the minutes of the regular Council Meeting and Caucus Meeting 'In Camera' held on 1982 February 01 be now adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

D E L E G A T I O N S

The following wrote requesting an audience with Council:

- (a) Urban Design Group - Architects,
Thomas Thompson, 1982 January 26,
Re: Proposed Canadian Tire Store,
3800 Block Canada Way
Spokesman - Mr. Vernon Forster
- (b) L.M. Blondeau, 1982 February 01,
Re: Budget cut affecting the Burnaby Public Library
Spokesperson - L.M. Blondeau

MOVED BY ALDERMAN NIKOLAI:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EMMOTT:

"THAT the delegations be heard."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (a) Mr. Vernon Forster, President, Canadian Tire Limited Operations in the Lower Mainland, then addressed Council on the proposed development of a Canadian Tire Store in the 3800 block Canada Way. The following is the substance of Mr. Forster's submission:

"We respectfully request the tabling of Item 6, Municipal Manager's Report No. 9, 1982, in connection with our proposed development in the 3800 block Canada Way. We ask this to be tabled for two to three weeks. We are not in a position right now to advise Council as to whether we will be able to acquire the additional property on the corner of Smith Avenue and Canada Way as recommended by the Planning Department. We

will be able to give a yes or no within two or three weeks. As to the site at Lougheed Highway and Rosser Avenue, which has been proposed by the Planning Department, we will be pleased to work with the Planning Department on this site as an alternate to the Canada Way project. However, at this time, we have not worked out with the Planning Department all the possible things we can do to make the Canada Way site a more appropriate one to the Corporation of Burnaby. I might add that on the Lougheed Highway and Rosser Avenue site, we do not have an agreement with the vendor."

MOVED BY ALDERMAN EMMOTT:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CONSTABLE:

"THAT further consideration of this matter be tabled."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (b) L.M. Blondeau then addressed Council on the subject of the recent budget cuts and their affects on the Burnaby Public Library. The following is the text of Mrs. Blondeau's submission.

"My name is Maggie Blondeau and I am one of the Burnaby Public Library employees affected by the recent municipal budget cuts. I would like you to know that I would have been here anyway to express my outrage over these cuts as a Burnaby resident, as a taxpayer and as a parent of two children who have used the Storybus long before I became an employee of the Library. I had the good fortune to be hired to work on the Storybus and see first-hand the value of this unique service and also the misfortune, after six short months of service, to see this valuable service destroyed, by what appears to me to be a poor application of restraints on the municipal budget. Not only am I outraged, but I am astonished that Council would slap such a heavy budget cut against the Library, which is already operating on such a bare-bones budget, amounting to less than three percent of the municipal budget. Yet the Library is being asked to face an almost six percent reduction in this year's budget despite the mounting demands for service by the public. It only adds insult to anger to realise that unjustifiable cutbacks hit proportionately more at the Library than at any other municipal budget. The Library should not be hit at all. I would like to ask Council if they have gone to the public and asked the citizens of Burnaby if they want their Library services cut at any cost, including services to their children. What is next? Is the Library going to be forced to cut its distribution of talking books to the blind, or its delivery of books to the handicapped and the elderly? These are not unfair questions. As you know, the Library Board has made do with less money than it has requested in every budget over the last several years, and any further reduction in its budget will mean real cuts in service, just as this cutback has meant a real loss to the children and parents of this community. What are we losing? We are losing more than four and one-quarter dedicated staff, which by the way represents a five percent layoff, affecting the jobs of between ten to twelve people. We are losing a service which is unique in North America, a service that was uniquely valuable to the over 1800 individual children who were visited last year, and the 58 daycare centres, pre-school, home daycare and community centres that were visited month in and month out. We are losing the only opportunity many of these pre-school children have for access to children's library programs and an enriched source of exposure to books. This program provided many children with their first library experience in choosing books of their own to take home with them. There have been many studies which show it is crucial to be exposed to books and the language they enrich at an early stage to ensure a success in learning to read in later years. Truly, a service which has worked to achieve this is at the foundation of our public library. Who is going to bear the brunt of this cutback? It is interesting to note that it is almost always those least able to afford alternatives that pay the price of cuts like these. In this case, it is over the 53 percent of the children of this community who are in daycare, many of whom are supported by single working parents who have neither the time nor the financial resources to meet their children's reading needs. Yes, I realise we are living in hard economic times and perhaps cutbacks need to be made, however, it is in times like this that the public library is needed more than ever."

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In support of her submission, Mrs. Blondeau presented three petitions protesting the cutbacks in the Library budget:

1. Noah's Ark Daycare - 23 signatures
2. Wee Wisdom Parent Participation Playschool - 18 signatures
3. Nanitsh Daycare - 22 signatures

B Y L A W S

MOVED BY ALDERMAN NIKOLAI:
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN McLEAN:

"THAT

'Burnaby Surplus Funds Bylaw 1982'

#7894

be now introduced and that Council resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider and report on the bylaw."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN NIKOLAI:
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN McLEAN:

"THAT the Committee now rise and report the bylaw complete."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council reconvened.

MOVED BY ALDERMAN NIKOLAI:
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN McLEAN:

"THAT the report of the Committee be now adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN NIKOLAI:
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN McLEAN:

"THAT

'Burnaby Surplus Funds Bylaw 1982'

#7894

be now read three times."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN NIKOLAI:
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CONSTABLE:

"THAT Council do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider and report on

'Burnaby Zoning Bylaw, 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 74, 1981'

#7730"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN NIKOLAI:
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LAWSON:

"THAT the Committee now rise and report the bylaw complete."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council reconvened.

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MOVED BY ALDERMAN NIKOLAI:
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CONSTABLE:

"THAT the report of the Committee be now adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN NIKOLAI:
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN McLEAN:

"THAT

'Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 74, 1981' #7730

be now read a third time."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN EMMOTT:
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CONSTABLE:

"THAT

'Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 20, 1981' #7670

'Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 80, 1981' #7736

'Burnaby Central Park Parking Regulation Bylaw,
Amendment Bylaw 1982' #7893

be now reconsidered and finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

MOVED BY ALDERMAN CONSTABLE:
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LAWSON:

"THAT all of the following listed items of correspondence be received."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (a) Dewdney-Alouette Regional District,
Administrator - Director of Planning,
Re: Response to the Land Use Act

A letter dated 1982 January 29 was received outlining the views of the Dewdney-Alouette Regional District Board on the Land Use Act, and enclosing a copy of a letter written by that Board to the Minister of Municipal Affairs in this regard.

Council was advised that a staff report on this subject would be available on 1982 March 01 and further consideration of the matter was deferred until that time.

- (b) Burnaby Cablevision Junior "A" Lacrosse Club, President,
Re: Express gratitude for generous grant towards travel expenses

A letter dated 1982 January 11 was received expressing the gratitude of the Burnaby Cablevision Junior "A" Lacrosse Club for the grant provided by Council towards the travel expenses for the Burnaby Cablevision Junior "A" Lacrosse Club to represent the Municipality of Burnaby in the "Minto Cup" emblematic of the Canadian Junior "A" Lacrosse Championship held in Peterborough, Ontario last September.

- (c) Kensington Minor Baseball Association, Secretary,
Re: Request permission for Annual Tag Days -
Friday and Saturday, 1982 June 04 and 05

A letter dated 1982 January 27 was received requesting permission for the Kensington Minor Baseball Association to hold its annual tag days on Friday and Saturday, 1982 June 04 and 05.

MOVED BY ALDERMAN McLEAN:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CONSTABLE:

"THAT permission be granted to the Kensington Minor Baseball Association to conduct its annual fund raising campaign as requested."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (d) E.A. Mason, Re: Oakalla Lands
should be used for park purposes

A letter dated 1982 January 26 was received expressing the opinion that the Oakalla Lands should be used for park purposes.

- (e) Beulah M. Darling, Re: Strong disapproval
of maximum security prison on Oakalla site

A copy of a letter dated 1982 January 28 addressed to Premier W.R. Bennett was received expressing the writer's strong disapproval of the proposed building of a maximum security prison on the Oakalla site.

- (f) Bryon and Linda Sinclair, Re: Upset at prospect of
maximum security prison on present Oakalla site

A letter dated 1982 January 31 was received advising that, as taxpayers in the affected area, the writers cannot support the proposal by the Provincial Government to establish a maximum security prison on the Oakalla site.

- (g) David M. Mercier, Re: Recent reports there was a
"cover-up" involving Oakalla stretching facts somewhat

A letter dated 1982 February 02 was received pointing out that recent reports that there was a "cover-up" involving Oakalla are stretching the facts somewhat. Council knew of the feasibility study in progress in the Attorney General's Department from 1981 January.

Mr. Mercier noted that he was not advised by the Attorney General until his letter dated 1981 November 04 that conclusions had been reached and in particular that Oakalla was to be scaled down, but not removed.

A Council member strongly opposed to Oakalla's continued, albeit reduced in size, existence, had ample opportunity to voice objections, as did some citizens at that time or since. Mr. Mercier did not raise objections for two reasons. Firstly, the Attorney General had not made the formal presentation he had expected and secondly, he was supportive of the reduced capacity facility when reported in November, which would house women and non-violent prisoners who were short-termers who did not require maximum security. Mr. Mercier was, and still is, opposed to a maximum security status for Oakalla.

MOVED BY ALDERMAN CONSTABLE:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN NIKOLAI:

"WHEREAS the citizens of Burnaby have for many years and by subsequent Provincial Governments been led to believe that the Lower Mainland Regional Correctional Centre would be phased out; and

WHEREAS a Provincial Government appointed citizens committee was given terms of reference as follows: 'The committee should recommend a phase by phase dismantling of the present Oakalla site, together with recommendations for the proper use and disposition of those lands as they become available'; and

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WHEREAS many of the citizens of Burnaby feel that the Oakalla buildings have outlived their usefulness and are not compatible with abutting park-land uses; and

WHEREAS the present Council has not, by resolution, stated a policy with regard to the Oakalla prison;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Burnaby Council request the British Columbia Provincial Government that they take steps to phase out as soon as possible the Lower Mainland Regional Correctional Centre generally known as Oakalla prison and that the buildings be demolished; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we also request that there be no construction of a prison facility to take place in this area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Attorney General be advised of this Council's policy by letter, with copies to the Premier and to the Minister responsible for the British Columbia Building Corporation."

CARRIED

OPPOSED: ALDERMAN EMMOTT

T A B L E D M A T T E R

- (a) Development Enquiry, Community Plan 8
Canada Way/Smith Avenue Area Apartment
Study Area "I" - 3841 Canada Way
Item 10, Municipal Manager's Report No. 5, 1982

This item was left on the table.

R E P O R T S

MOVED BY ALDERMAN CONSTABLE:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LAWSON:

"THAT Council do now resolve into a Committee of the Whole."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- (a) Exempt Staff Committee of Council
1982 Salary Policy Line - Senior
Exempt and Executive Staff

The Exempt Staff Committee of Council submitted a report on the 1982 salary policy line - senior exempt and executive staff.

The Exempt Staff Committee of Council recommended:

- (1) THAT the senior exempt and executive staff policy line be increased by 17.5% at the 500 point level, the increase progressively decreasing to 16% at the 1100 point and remaining at 16% for all positions above 1100 points.
- (2) THAT the "Recruiting Policy" statement contained in the G.V.R.D. report be adopted as policy.

MOVED BY ALDERMAN CONSTABLE:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EMMOTT:

"THAT the recommendations of the Exempt Staff Committee of Council be adopted."

CARRIED

OPPOSED: ALDERMAN McLEAN

- (b) The Municipal Manager presented Report No. 9, 1982 on the matters listed following as Items 1 to 7 either providing the information shown or recommending the courses of action indicated for the reasons given:

1. Letter from Elizabeth De Foe which appeared on the Agenda for the 1982 February 01 Meeting of Council
Invoice for Lamp Standard - Canada Way and Laurel Street

The Municipal Manager provided a report from the Director Engineering concerning damage to a lamp standard at Canada Way and Laurel Street arising from a motor vehicle accident.

The Municipal Manager recommended:

- (1) THAT Elizabeth De Foe, 147 Columbia Avenue, Castlegar, B.C. V8L 1A4, be provided with a copy of this report.

MOVED BY ALDERMAN EMMOTT:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CONSTABLE:

"THAT the recommendation of the Municipal Manager be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Delegation to 1982 January 25 Meeting of Council
Mr. Steve Zeswick, 7397 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C. V3N 3B8

The Municipal Manager provided a report containing comments from the Director Planning & Building Inspection and a report from the Chief Public Health Inspector on complaints received from Mr. Zeswick regarding the operation of Lavigne's Engine Rebuilders Limited at 7405 Kingsway.

The Municipal Manager recommended:

- (1) THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. Steve Zeswick, 7397 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C. V3N 3B8, and Mr. A. Lavigne, 7405 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C. V3N 3B8.

MOVED BY ALDERMAN CONSTABLE:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LAWSON:

"THAT the recommendation of the Municipal Manager be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. C.G. Brown Pool - Proposed Addition

The Municipal Manager provided a report from the Director Recreation & Cultural Services concerning a proposed addition to the C.G. Brown Pool.

The Municipal Manager recommended:

- (1) THAT Council approve the revised expansion project for C.G. Brown Pool as detailed in the Director Recreation & Cultural Services' report and that the project be advanced by preparation of working drawings and specifications.
- (2) THAT Council approve the project go to public tender when drawings and specifications are complete.

MOVED BY ALDERMAN CONSTABLE:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LAWSON:

"THAT the recommendations of the Municipal Manager be adopted."

MOVED BY ALDERMAN LAWSON:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CONSTABLE:

"THAT this matter be referred back to the Parks and Recreation Commission with an indication of Council's concern about this matter."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Burnaby and Region Allotment Gardens Association
Request for Lease

The Municipal Manager provided a report from the Director Recreation & Cultural Services concerning the lease of land in the Big Bend area to the Burnaby and Region Allotment Gardens Association for an allotment gardens program.

The Municipal Manager recommended:

- (1) THAT the Municipal Council place the property outlined in Figure 1 attached to the report of the Director Recreation & Cultural Services under the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Commission for a period of time to coincide with the life of the allotment gardens program.
- (2) THAT Council request the Municipal Solicitor to execute a licence agreement between the Burnaby and Region Allotment Gardens Association and the municipality under the terms and conditions outlined in the report of the Director Recreation & Cultural Services.

MOVED BY ALDERMAN EMMOTT:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CONSTABLE:

"THAT the recommendations of the Municipal Manager be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Permission for authority to relocate a house from
5538 Dominion Street to 5496 Dominion Street

The Municipal Manager provided a report from the Chief Building Inspector regarding the relocation of a house from 5538 Dominion Street to 5496 Dominion Street.

The Municipal Manager recommended:

- (1) THAT Council authorize granting a building permit, as provided by Section 8.(4) of Burnaby Building Bylaw No. 6333, for moving of the dwelling presently straddling Lots 21 and 22, to Lot 20, District Lot 74, Block 23, Group 1, Plan 2603, NWD, subject to the exterior of the building being painted and/or redecorated.

MOVED BY ALDERMAN McLEAN:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN EMMOTT:

"THAT the recommendation of the Municipal Manager be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Development Enquiry, Canadian Tire Company
Community Plan 8, Canada Way/Smith Avenue Area
Apartment Study Area "I" - 3841 Canada Way

This item was tabled in conjunction with Item 2.(a) under Delegations which was heard earlier this evening.

7. Retirement - Mr. Alvin Thomas

The Municipal Manager provided a report from the Personnel Director regarding the retirement of Mr. Alvin Thomas after 25 years of service with the municipality.

The Municipal Manager recommended:

- (1) THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, send to Mr. Thomas a letter of appreciation for his many years of loyal and dedicated service to the municipality.

MOVED BY ALDERMAN EMMOTT:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN McLEAN:

"THAT the recommendation of the Municipal Manager be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY ALDERMAN EMMOTT:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LAWSON:

"THAT the Committee now rise and report."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council reconvened.

MOVED BY ALDERMAN EMMOTT:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CONSTABLE:

"THAT the report of the Committee be now adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

N E W B U S I N E S S

Alderman Emmott requested authority to attend the Tourism Information Seminar sponsored by the Ministry of Tourism in Richmond, B.C. on 1982 February 09 and 10.

MOVED BY ALDERMAN LAWSON:

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN McLEAN:

"THAT Alderman Emmott be authorized to attend a Seminar sponsored by the Provincial Ministry of Tourism at Richmond, B.C. on 1982 February 09 and 10 and the necessary expenses in connection therewith be borne by the District of Burnaby."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Alderman Lawson advised Council that it will probably be necessary to lower the water level in Burnaby Lake by one foot to facilitate the repair of a water main which traverses the lake. It will take about one week to lower the lake to the desired level, hopefully one week to repair the water main and a further week to bring the lake back up to its normal level. The work can be accomplished at this time of the year with very little affect on the environment. However, should the work be delayed for any length of time it could have an affect on the larvae in the lake with the resultant adverse affect on the wild life habitat of the lake which would then be a matter of concern.

Alderman Lawson drew Council's attention to recent problems encountered in the Port Moody area which were caused by a leakage of obnoxious gas from the Imperial Oil Refinery at Ioco. Alderman Lawson, as Chairman of the Pollution Committee, had checked with the Chevron and Shell Refineries in Burnaby to enquire if similar problems could be anticipated from those refineries. Alderman Lawson had been assured by the managers of both refineries that entirely different procedures from those employed at Ioco were used in their refineries. In view of this, it was extremely unlikely that a similar problem could be encountered at either the Chevron or the Shell Refinery in Burnaby.

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MOVED BY ALDERMAN CONSTABLE:
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LAWSON:

"THAT this regular Council Meeting do now adjourn."

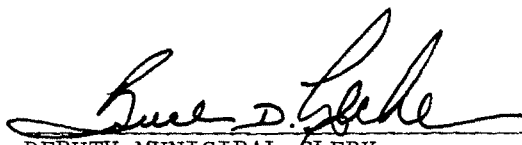
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The regular Council Meeting adjourned at 20:05 h.

Confirmed:

Certified Correct:


MAYOR


DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK