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THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL:

Madam and Gentlemen:

RE: FINANCE ADVISORY STANDING COMMITTEE

On December 1, 1980, a motion (Attachment No. 1) was introduced relating to the establishment of a Finance Advisory Standing Committee of the Municipality of Burnaby. This motion was tabled and I was instructed to discuss its ramifications with Alderman Stusiak, the Finance Liaison Alderman.

In 1981, after discussing this topic with Alderman Stusiak, it was mutually agreed that this motion should remain tabled until the change in the organizational structure of the Municipality through the development of a new Management Committee.

In 1982 May 20 at the Council-Management Committee meeting, I discussed the concept of a Finance Advisory Standing Committee with all Members of Council to evaluate their concerns related to the introduction of such a Committee. The matter of timing in relation to the progress of the Management Committee and other concerns were noted at this meeting.

Since Council as a whole has had enough time to evaluate the successful implementation of the role and effectiveness of the Management Committee, I would like to bring back the concept of a Finance Advisory Standing Committee for consideration. The Finance Advisory Standing Committee would be advisory in nature to the Municipal Council and provide a counter balance in the decision making process with the Management Committee which is advisory to the Municipal Manager. Its function would be to assist and advise Municipal Council on financial matters. This Committee would not negate the principle of Municipal Council's supremacy as the only enacting or decision making body. The Finance Advisory Standing Committees actions or investigations could only be initiated by the Municipal Council of Burnaby.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the District of Burnaby appoint, on the nomination of the Mayor, a Finance Advisory Standing Committee; the primary purpose of which is to assist and advise the Municipal Council on the following:

- (1) Review of specific issues related to the budget which were referred to the Committee by Council.
- (2) Review of financial implications of major policy decisions in relation to existing programmes and goals of the Municipality, as initiated by Council.

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- DIRECTOR FINANCE

Respectfully submitted,

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Douglas P. Drummond,
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ALDERMAN D.P. DRUMMOND

RE: A FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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WHEREAS under the present Managerial System of The Corporation of the District of Burnaby there are various methods by which new programs and policies can be brought to the Municipal Council for ratification. For example, programs and policies can be initiated by citizens, individual members of Council, committees of Council, municipal staff, the Burnaby Parks and Recreation Commission, the Burnaby Public Library Board; and

WHEREAS the function of the Municipal staff is to co-ordinate and implement Council decisions in relationship to the Municipal Budget; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Council of Burnaby does not see the "total picture" of their actions until the Provisional Budget is brought before them; and

WHEREAS every policy decision, every separate program during the year should be viewed in relation to:

1. Its demand upon the financial resources of the municipality;
2. Its impact upon all of the municipality's existing program services;
3. Its relationship to medium and long term municipal goals; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Council of Burnaby does not have a vehicle to continuously review and monitor the financial impact of its actions; and

WHEREAS the creation of a new Finance Advisory Standing Committee would provide an interface between the municipal Council, its committees, its departments and staff; and thus create an organizational structure which would review municipal policies, programs and their impact on the municipal budget; and

WHEREAS the function of the new Finance Advisory Committee would be to assist the Municipal Council in an advisory role and would not negate the principle of Council supremacy as the only enacting or decision making body:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the District of Burnaby appoint, on the nomination of the Mayor, a Finance Advisory Committee of no fewer than three nor more than five members of Council which shall include the Mayor; the primary purpose of which is to assist and advise the Municipal Council on the following:

1. The review of major policy decisions in relationship to existing programs and goals of the municipality;
2. The review of major policy decisions in relationship to their impact on the municipal budget.