

ITEM 5
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 51
COUNCIL MEETING 87/08/24

RE: ADVANCE POLL FOR THE 1987 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendations of the Returning Officer be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER DATE: 1987 July 31
FROM: RETURNING OFFICER
SUBJECT: ADVANCE POLL FOR THE 1987 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council authorize the holding of an Advance Poll in conjunction with the 1987 Municipal Election.
2. THAT the Municipal Solicitor be directed to prepare an Advance Poll Bylaw providing for the holding of an Advance Poll for the 1987 Municipal Election to be held at the Burnaby Municipal Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C., on Friday, 1987 November 13 and on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 1987 November 18, 19, and 20 from 8:30 a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m. each of the four days.

R E P O R T

For Municipal Elections commencing in 1969 Advance Polls were held on the three days immediately prior to polling day. The exceptions were the 1976, 1983 and 1985 Municipal Elections where a fourth day was added being the last business day of the week prior to the week in which the election was held. This additional fourth day proved to be one of the busiest days of the Advance Poll for the 1985 election and therefore is being recommended for the 1987 election.

The voter turnout for the 1985 Advance Poll was as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF VOTERS</u>
Friday November 08 (additional fourth day)	100
Wednesday November 13	53
Thursday November 14	105
Friday November 15	<u>81</u>
Total	<u>339</u>

The total of 339 voters compares with 297 for the 1983 election and 405 for the 1981 election.

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The legislation permitting Council to provide for an Advance Poll is contained within Sections 88 and 89 of the Municipal Act as follows:

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88. (1) The council may provide by bylaw for an advance poll at all elections and submissions.
- (2) The advance poll shall be opened by the returning officer at the places designated in the bylaw and kept open during the hours on each of the days designated in the bylaw.

Eligible electors

89. A person may vote at an advance poll if, being a qualified elector, he signs a statement that he
- (a) expects to be absent from the municipality on polling day;
 - (b) is, for reasons of conscience, unable to vote on polling day;
 - (c) through circumstances beyond his control, will not be able to attend the poll on polling day.


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MUNICIPAL CLERK