

ITEM 12
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 1
COUNCIL MEETING 1987/01/05

Re: LETTER FROM M.K. WARWICK, ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK, THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER, DISTRICT MUNICIPAL HALL, P.O. BOX 86218, NORTH VANCOUVER, B. C., V7L 4K1, WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 1986 DECEMBER 08 (Item 4g) - PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Director Finance be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE
1986 December 22
File: A73-1

RE: THE DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER RE PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS
CORRESPONDENCE, ITEM 4(g), 1986 DECEMBER 08

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT copies of this report be sent to the District of North Vancouver and to the U.B.C.M.

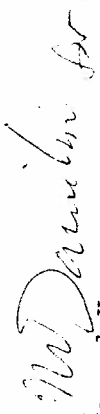
Appearing on the 1986 December 08 agenda is a letter from the District of North Vancouver seeking the support of G.V.R.D. member municipalities for the resolution contained therein (copy attached).

We contacted North Vancouver District staff and requested copies of reports and/or other background documents in support of the motion. We were informed that the wording was that of Council and that staff had no reports or documents that could help us.

The resolutions for which the District of North Vancouver is asking support affect the property assessment and property taxation regulations. This is a large, important and complex subject affecting various statutes and authorities.

The current assessment and taxation systems evolved as a result of input from many communities, municipal governments, commissions, briefs from individuals, as well as input from the Provincial Government. Therefore, as an individual community, we are not in a position to recommend any changes without examination and study of all of the options and their impact on the assessments and the resultant taxation. However, we can support the request for U.B.C.M. and the Provincial Government to periodically review the regulations and basis of assessment and taxation, to see if current regulations are valid and fair, or if there should be any revisions.

It is recommended that copies of this report be sent to the
District of North Vancouver and to the U.B.C.M.


Howard Karras
DIRECTOR FINANCE

PWT:gw
Attach.

cc: Municipal Clerk

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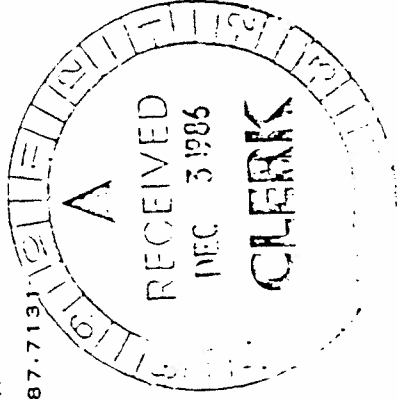
THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER



DISTRICT MUNICIPAL HALL
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December 1, 1986



Hon. M. Couvelier,
Minister of Finance and
Corporate Relations,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B.C.,
V8V 1X4.

Dear Sir:

RE: Property Assessments

At its regular meeting of November 24 the Council for the District of North Vancouver once again considered the subject of property assessments and the method that is utilized by the British Columbia Assessment Authority in determining same.

As a result of the ensuing discussion the following resolutions were passed;

"THAT this Council urge the Provincial Government to review the current method of taxation for residential properties with a view to looking at the options of basing such taxation on the principle of services received and that Council urge all G.V.R.D. members to support this action."

"THAT the foregoing motion be referred to the U.B.C.M. for information and support."

"THAT the Provincial Government order the B.C. Assessment Authority to rescind all increases in excess of 15% in property assessments for 1987."

Accordingly by copy of this letter we are seeking the support of the G.V.R.D. member municipalities, as well as the Union of B.C. Municipalities.

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Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations.

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For your additional information I am enclosing a copy of my November 25 letter to the Hon. Wm. Vander Zalm relative to Council's earlier deliberations in this regard.

I trust you will give due consideration to the concerns expressed by Council.

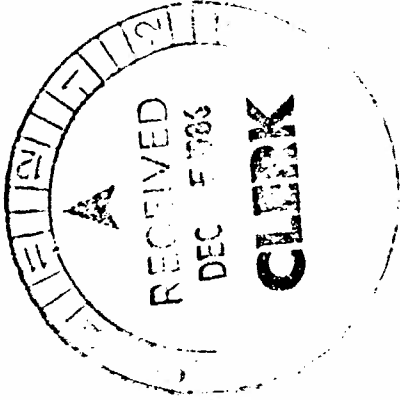
Yours very truly,

M.K. Warwick
Acting Municipal Clerk

MKW/rm

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cc: G.V.R.D. Member Municipalities (WITHOUT ATTACHMENTS)
cc: Union of British Columbia Municipalities
cc: Hon. Wm. Vander Zalm, Premier
cc: Hon. Rita Johnston, Minister of Municipal Affairs
cc: Hon. Jack Davis, M.L.A.
cc: Mr. Angus Rce, M.L.A.
cc: B.C. Assessment Authority, Victoria Office



November 25th, 1986

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The Hon. W.W. Vander Zalm
Premier
Province of British Columbia
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, B.C.
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Dear Sir:

Re: Property Assessments

This will confirm that at its regular meeting of November 17th, 1986, the Council considered the subject of Property Assessments and the method that is utilized by the British Columbia Assessment Authority in determining same. As a result of the ensuing discussion, the following resolution was passed:

"THAT the Council of the District of North Vancouver express concern to Premier Vander Zalm, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and M.L.A.'s Jack Davis and Angus Ree regarding the wild swings in 1987-88 assessments within a given category (i.e. residential) rather than an even adjustment as necessary to meet the market value; and FURTHER THAT an immediate review of the B.C. Assessment Authority's method of assessing view and waterfront properties in the District of North Vancouver be undertaken by the Province."

We trust you will give your serious consideration to the views expressed by Council.

Yours very truly,

M.K. Warwick
Deputy Municipal Clerk

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