

RE: LETTER FROM MR. DAVE MCKINNON, MEMBER,
BURNABY EDMONDS N.D.P. SIGN COMMITTEE WHICH APPEARED
ON THE AGENDA FOR THE 1990 APRIL 30 MEETING OF COUNCIL
POLITICAL CAMPAIGN SIGNS

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Director Planning
& Building Inspection be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER DATE: 1990 MAY 03

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING &
BUILDING INSPECTION

SUBJECT: ELECTION CAMPAIGN SIGNS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY
FORTHCOMING POSSIBLE PROVINCIAL ELECTION

PURPOSE: TO RESPOND TO A REQUEST PUT FORWARD BY A POLITICAL ORGANIZATION FOR
PERMISSION TO PLACE CAMPAIGN SIGNS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY DURING THE
COURSE OF A PROVINCIAL ELECTION.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council approve the erection of political signs on public property by all participants in a forthcoming Provincial election subject to affected parties or associations signifying in writing that such will be undertaken in compliance with Clause (9), Schedule No. 1 of the Burnaby Sign Bylaw, with this approval to be effective on the date the next Provincial election is announced by the government; and
2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to all participating political associations and independent candidates in the municipality, once these candidates make themselves known to the Municipality.

R E P O R T

Appearing on the agenda for the 1990 April 30 meeting of Council was a request from the Burnaby-Edmonds New Democrats for permission to erect political signs in connection with the forthcoming Provincial election campaign.

Burnaby Sign Bylaw 6163 includes provision for election signs under Clause (9) of Schedule No. 1 which reads as follows:

"Temporary signs pertaining to campaigns, drives or events of political, civic, philanthropic, educational or religious organizations. Provided that if an applicant shall obtain the consent of Council and shall agree in writing to remove such signs within three days after the campaign, drive or event has concluded, such signs may be erected upon public property in the possession or control of the municipality, except public property designated for parks purposes and under the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Commission."

In past election campaigns the practice has been that Council has authorized such signs on public property during the campaign and the various political organizations have typically placed their signs on the boulevards within public road allowances, directed toward passing traffic on the streets.

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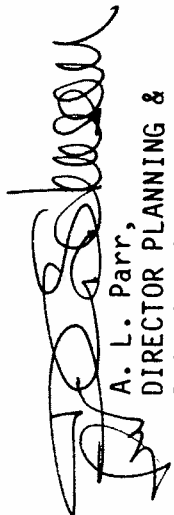
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In view of the prospect of a possible Provincial election campaign later this year, the written request for approval of signs on public property by one of the political parties, the provisions of the Sign Bylaw, and the past practice of accepting political signs of all participating candidates on an equal basis, it would be appropriate to pass a motion consenting to the erection of such signs by all participants on public property other than that designated for parks purposes and under the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Commission, subject to compliance with the requirements for removal.

As no date has yet been announced by the Provincial Government, it would be appropriate to make the approval for such campaign signs on public property effective as of the date an election is set.

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A. L. Parr,
DIRECTOR PLANNING &
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cc: Director Engineering
Director Recreation & Cultural Services
Director Administrative and Community Services