

1990 DECEMBER 03

The Inaugural Meeting of the Municipal Council was held in the Burnaby Central High School Gymnasium, 4939 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Monday, 1990 December 03 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: His Worship, Mayor W.J. Copeland  
Alderman D.R. Corrigan  
Alderman D.P. Drummond  
Alderman D.G. Evans  
Alderman D.A. Lawson  
Alderman E. Nikolai  
Alderman L.A. Rankin  
Alderman C.M.H. Redman  
Alderman J. Young

STAFF: Mr. R.H. Moncur, Director Administrative and Community Services  
Mr. W.C. Sinclair, Director Engineering  
Mr. A.L. Parr, Director Planning and Building Inspection  
Mr. H. Karras, Director Finance  
Mr. D. Gaunt, Director Recreation & Cultural Services  
Mr. C.A. Turpin, Municipal Clerk

O P E N I N G P R A Y E R

The Reverend Frank Ward opened the Inaugural Meeting with a prayer and blessing.

S W E A R I N G I N C E R E M O N Y

His Honour, Judge Leo Nimsick performed the swearing-in of the newly elected Council Members.

I N A U G U R A L A D D R E S S

His Worship, Mayor W.J. Copeland, then delivered his inaugural address. The following is the text of the Mayor's inaugural address:

Honoured guests, Ladies and Gentlemen. I am pleased to welcome everyone here tonight to the 1990 Inaugural Meeting of Burnaby Council.

We have just completed three years of excellent progress in Burnaby, where Council worked hard to provide good leadership in these times of rapid growth and change.

Managing this growth has been an increasingly complex and difficult task for our Municipal Staff. It gives me pleasure to congratulate our Manager and our Directors and their staff for a job well done.

I can assure everyone that their work will not likely grow lighter or easier.

During the past year, Council has been called upon to review and make policy on many intricate issues. Many of these issues dealt with our concern for developing good environmental practices. To that end, we have challenged our citizens and member communities of the G.V.R.D. to adopt the protection of our environment as an important goal in their lives.

There remains much for our 1990-1991 Council to do. We must continue to develop policies that maintain and improve our quality of life in Burnaby. To do this, we need the support and cooperation of every citizen.

We will continue to work and participate with the G.V.R.D. in developing a liveable region strategy.

Although our growth has been well regulated and orderly, we have become a conduit for an ever increasing traffic flow from the east, congesting our roadways during the morning and afternoon rush hour periods. We will continue to encourage the region to push for better public transit and highway widening for high occupancy vehicles and car pooling.

If we work together, we believe we can protect our wilderness, our parks and agricultural land, and we can and will create more affordable housing.

We know social changes-more elderly, more working women, smaller families and more ethnic diversity-are changing service demands and we believe that by acting in concert we can meet those changing needs.

On the matter of housing, we must redouble our efforts to provide affordable housing. Council will continue to work with community organizations such as the Lions Club, Rotary and other nonprofit community groups to develop housing that meets the requirements of citizens with low incomes.

I am pleased to advise our new Council and, in fact, all our citizens that Burnaby is in excellent financial condition.

Our reserves increased in the past three years from one hundred and ten million dollars to one hundred and forty million dollars.

During the same period, we reduced the residential percentage of tax load by four percent and our one point three million dollar recycling program was paid for out of surplus. However, we must be vigilant so that the people of Burnaby can benefit from lower taxes, better services and an improved environment.

The provision of new and innovative social services is another goal for our Council. We must continue to provide better services for our physically and mentally challenged citizens. Our strategy is to provide the leadership to make Burnaby a healthy caring community.

Again, there is a continuing and aggravating problem on our streets and highways. Delays in Government action on improvements to the #1 Highway and the Lougheed Highway, and a need for better public transit, have allowed serious traffic problems to continue to grow. We promise to continue pressing the Government for immediate action to improve our transportation system.

I am pleased to report that the Centennial Committee, under the able Chairmanship of Don Brown, is moving ahead in its plans for the celebration of Burnaby's 100th Birthday in 1992.

I mentioned previously in this report that our quality of life in Burnaby is important to all of us. We must continue to provide services that benefit all of our citizens. These valuable services include new playgrounds for children, new and improved community centres for seniors, an urban trail system, the new Parker Carousel to be located at the Burnaby Village Museum after restoration is complete, plans for improved arts facilities, improvement to Deer Lake, and the new Public Library in Metrotown. These and many other services benefit everyone in Burnaby.

In August, a delegation from Burnaby visited Kushiro, our Sister City in Japan. It was a busy, exhausting but educational trip for all of us.

We have a new Sister City in El Salvador. El Zapotal is a very small community needing much support. Recently, a delegation from El Zapotal spoke to our Council and expressed their gratitude for the moral support that our Sister-City relationship provides to them.

We were honoured this year to have Mr. Nuburi Toko, the internationally recognized Ainu Carver, return to Burnaby to complete the sculpture display on Burnaby Mountain. Mr. Toko donated approximately six months of his time and artistic talent to complete the project, all at his own expense.

This great gift to the citizens of Burnaby will, I am sure, become a major tourist attraction. To Mr. Toko and our Sister City of Kushiro, I say, Hontoni Arigato.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our Municipal Council for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. It has not been an easy job considering the rapid growth taking place in Burnaby.

I want to personally thank Alderman, or should I say Councillor Joan Sawicki, and Alderman Fred Randall who chose to seek seats at the next Provincial Election. I offer my best wishes to both and thank them for their work on Council and especially on Committees.

Alderman Gary Begin chose to run for and win a School Board seat this year. I wish Gary every success in the future.

As you are all probably aware, Council Members serve as Chair, Chairmen or Members of various Council Committees. This is a busy task for all concerned. My thanks go to Aldermen Derek Corrigan, Doug Drummond, Egon Nikolai, Lee Rankin and Jim Young for their good work.

I am pleased to welcome three new members to Council. Doug Evans, Doreen Lawson and Celest Redman. I look forward to working with all of you.

I made a promise at the last election to provide the citizens of Burnaby with an open Democratic Government. I will continue to provide this form of leadership. To this end, we hope to develop an improved notification system for Public Hearings and other matters that come before Council, to encourage broad, informed public participation in Municipal affairs through effective communication between the Corporation of Burnaby and its citizens.

We must also explore an appeal process to deal with Municipal departmental decisions that, on occasion, are considered to be unfair or unreasonable by builders, developers and/or citizens.

Finally, I know our new Council will be fair and provide the best possible Government for everyone in Burnaby.

I thank the members who make up the Boards, Committees and Commissions who attended over two hundred meetings during the past three years, allowing for increased citizen input, truly an example of participatory democracy.

In conclusion, I thank all citizens of Burnaby for allowing me the honour and privilege of serving them. I will work hard to live up to their expectations.

Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank my wife, Ruth, for her patience, help and encouragement over the past three years, for without her T.L.C. and understanding, I would not have been able to carry the weight of Public Office.

Mayor William John Copeland

MOVED BY ALDERMAN CORRIGAN:  
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN YOUNG:

"THAT the Inaugural Address be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A P P O I N T M E N T S T O R E G I O N A L O R G A N I Z A T I O N S

MOVED BY ALDERMAN DRUMMOND:  
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN RANKIN:

"THAT the following Council Members be appointed to the following Regional Organizations for a term of one year:

Greater Vancouver Regional District

Director

Alderman D.R. Corrigan  
Alderman D.P. Drummond

Alternate Directors

Alderman L.A. Rankin for  
Alderman Corrigan  
Alderman J. Young for  
Alderman Drummond

Greater Vancouver Regional District  
Labour Relations Bureau:

Director Alderman D.R. Corrigan  
Alternate Director Alderman D.G. Evans"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A P P O I N T M E N T S T O C O U N C I L C O M M I T T E E S ,  
B O A R D S A N D C O M M I S S I O N S

MOVED BY ALDERMAN NIKOLAI:  
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LAWSON:

"THAT the following Council Members be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term of one year; and

THAT the following new citizen appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission be adopted with the term of appointment being for two (2) years.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Council Members: Alderman D.R. Corrigan  
Alderman J. Young

New Appointment: Lorraine Shore  
4780 Neville Street  
Burnaby, B.C. V5J 2H3"

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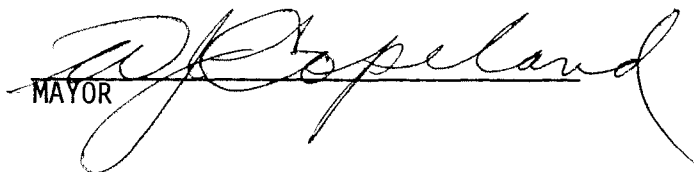
MOVED BY ALDERMAN EVANS:  
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN REDMAN:

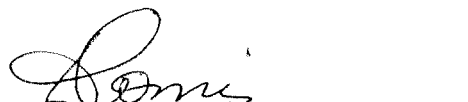
"THAT this Inaugural Council Meeting do now adjourn."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Inaugural Meeting of Council adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Confirmed: Certified Correct:

  
MAYOR

  
DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK