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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	17
COUNCIL MEETING	90/03/05

RE: 1990 MUNICIPAL ELECTION
PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE POLLING DIVISION BOUNDARIES

ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendations of the Municipal Clerk be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: MUNICIPAL CLERK

SUBJECT: 1990 MUNICIPAL ELECTION
 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE POLLING DIVISION BOUNDARIES

PURPOSE: The purpose of this report is to clarify the benefits that are expected to be achieved by making adjustments to the polling division boundaries.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the Municipal Polling Division boundaries be realigned as particularly detailed in Appendix I attached to this report.
2. THAT the Municipal Solicitor be directed to prepare a bylaw reflecting the approved changes to the Polling Division boundaries.

R E P O R T

At the regular Council Meeting held on 1990 January 08 Council received a report from the Municipal Clerk regarding a number of election related matters. Among the recommendations contained within that report was a request for approval to change the polling division boundaries. Council initially tabled the report and then on February 5th the report was lifted from the table and five (5) of the seven (7) recommendations were adopted while the remaining two (2) (which related to polling division boundaries) were referred back to staff for further information on the possible dislocation of voters, the ease of transportation to the polling places and the effect on the efficiency of the polling stations.

In response to Council's request for further information staff have selected three (3) areas as examples to illustrate the effect of the proposed changes. One area from each of the north, south and east sectors of the Municipality have been included on separate maps which are provided to Council under separate cover. The base map in black for each of the examples displays the existing polling division boundaries while the clear plastic overlay illustrates the proposed new boundaries in red. A description of the effects of the changes for each of the examples follows:

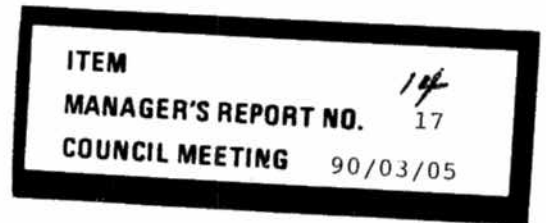
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Example 1 - North Burnaby Polling Area

- . The proposed change basically inserts one additional polling station into the middle of the area which has traditionally been served by three (3) polling stations.
- . Advantages
 - The size of the No. 1 polling station (Gilmore) will be reduced to a more manageable size.
 - Only 20% of the registered voters will be affected by the change while 80% of the voters in this area will continue to vote at the polling place where they voted during previous Municipal Elections.
 - The voters affected by the proposed change will now vote at the newly created polling place No. 2 as opposed to one of the three former (Nos. 1, 2 and 6) places and in doing so most will be much closer to a polling station while a very few others may be an equal distance away from the new polling division when compared to the old situation.
 - A number of voters in the area bounded by Pandora Street on the north, Gilmore Avenue on the west, Gamma Avenue on the east and Hastings Street on the south, under the old alignment, were included as part of Polling Division No. 6 and were required to cross Hastings Street and travel down to Alpha School in order to vote. A number of these people, over the years, have requested that they be permitted to vote at Polling Division No. 1 and have been doing so for a number of elections. Now these voters will have their own polling place much closer and on the north side of Hastings Street. It is these types of anomalies that we have also tried to correct by realigning the boundaries.

Example 2 - South Burnaby Polling Area

- . The proposed change sees a new polling division created to accommodate future growth along the Metrotown core. This will be done by adding a fifth polling division to an area originally served by four polling stations.
- . Advantages
 - The Maywood area polling place will be reduced to a manageable size.
 - Many of the highrises planned for the new Polling Division No. 22 have not yet been completed, and therefore, because this will not as yet be a large poll, we are able to combine polling places with the new Polling Division No. 23 and use Bonsor Recreation Center as a combined polling place. This was partly necessitated by the loss of Maywood School as a polling place.
 - A small portion of the original Polling Division No. 17 was located south of Kingsway. The new alignment will see no traversing of Kingsway to allow easier access to the polling station for those voters residing in that small area.



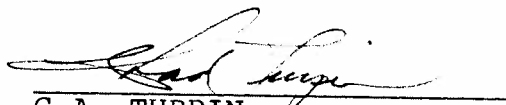
- We were forced to re-locate one polling place in the area as a result of the Maywood School fire so a number of voters will be voting at a new polling place and excluding this group (No. 21 and new Nos. 22 and 23) most of the voters in this area will continue to vote at their usual polling place. Given that a polling place cannot be located where no facility exists, the Bonsor Recreation Center, though not centrally located within the polling division, is deemed to be the best alternative.

Example 3 - East Burnaby Polling Area

- The proposed change divides one large polling division into two smaller ones. Both of these areas have potential for future growth and with the area around Lougheed Mall having high density housing it is appropriate to make this split.
- Advantages
 - This reduces the amount of travel for the people residing in Forest Grove and also reduces the number of registered voters that will be voting at Stoney Creek polling place.

In summary, as the examples indicate, the number of polling divisions are being increased and therefore more polling stations should make for easier access, shorter lineups during peak hours, and an overall improvement in voter convenience. These changes have been proposed only after careful consideration of transportation corridors, natural boundaries and most importantly, past election experience. Therefore, the same recommendations which were referred to staff are again being submitted for Council's consideration along with clarification as to why the changes are being recommended.

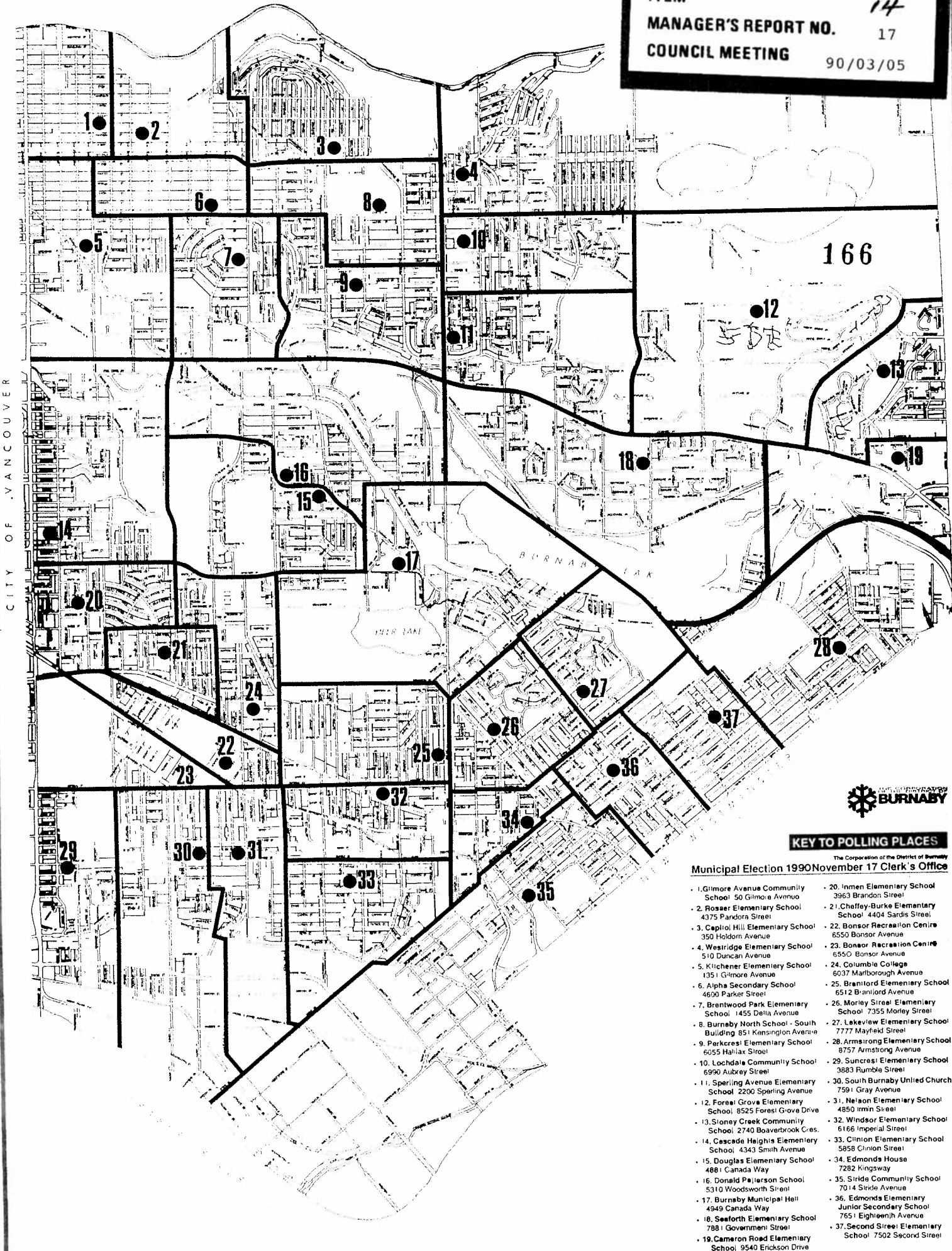
In conclusion, it is important to remember that any registered voter may, for any reason, request permission prior to October 1st (the date the Court of Revision sits) to vote at a polling place other than the one they have been assigned to. Polling Day Cards advising each registered voter of their polling place are normally sent out the first week of September.


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KEY TO POLLING PLACES

The Corporation of the District of Burnaby
 Municipal Election 1990 November 17 Clerk's Office

- 1. Gilmore Avenue Community School 50 Gilmore Avenue
- 2. Rosser Elementary School 4375 Pandora Street
- 3. Capitol Hill Elementary School 350 Holdom Avenue
- 4. Westridge Elementary School 510 Duncan Avenue
- 5. Kitchener Elementary School 1351 Gilmore Avenue
- 6. Alpha Secondary School 4600 Parker Street
- 7. Brentwood Park Elementary School 1455 Delta Avenue
- 8. Burnaby North School - South Building 851 Kensington Avenue
- 9. Parkcrest Elementary School 6055 Halthax Street
- 10. Lochdale Community School 6990 Aubrey Street
- 11. Sperling Avenue Elementary School 2200 Sperling Avenue
- 12. Forest Grove Elementary School 8525 Forest Grove Drive
- 13. Stony Creek Community School 2740 Beaverbrook Cres.
- 14. Cascade Heights Elementary School 4343 Smith Avenue
- 15. Douglas Elementary School 4881 Canada Way
- 16. Donald Peterson School 5310 Woodworth Street
- 17. Burnaby Municipal Hall 4949 Canada Way
- 18. Seaforth Elementary School 7881 Government Street
- 19. Cameron Road Elementary School 9540 Erickson Drive
- 20. Inmen Elementary School 3863 Brantford Street
- 21. Cheffley-Burke Elementary School 4404 Sardis Street
- 22. Bonsor Recreation Centre 6550 Bonsor Avenue
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- 24. Columbie College 6037 Marlborough Avenue
- 25. Brantford Elementary School 6512 Brantford Avenue
- 26. Morley Street Elementary School 7355 Morley Street
- 27. Lakeview Elementary School 7777 Mayfield Street
- 28. Armstrong Elementary School 8757 Armstrong Avenue
- 29. Suncrest Elementary School 3883 Rumble Street
- 30. South Burnaby United Church 7591 Gray Avenue
- 31. Nelson Elementary School 4850 Irwin Street
- 32. Windsor Elementary School 6166 Imperial Street
- 33. Clinton Elementary School 5858 Clinton Street
- 34. Edmonds House 7282 Kingsway
- 35. Stride Community School 7014 Stride Avenue
- 36. Edmonds Elementary Junior Secondary School 7651 Eighteenth Avenue
- 37. Second Street Elementary School 7502 Second Street

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