

## **1996 DECEMBER 02**

The Inaugural Meeting of City Council was held at Shadbolt Centre for the Arts, 6450 Deer Lake Avenue, Burnaby, B.C. on Monday, 1996 December 02 at 7:30 p.m..

PRESENT: Mayor - Elect D.P. Drummond  
Councillor D.R. Corrigan  
Councillor D.G. Evans  
Councillor D.N. Johnston  
Councillor D.A. Lawson  
Councillor L.A. Rankin  
Councillor C.M.H. Redman  
Councillor - Elect N.M. Volkow  
Councillor J. Young

STAFF: Mr. R.H. Moncur, City Manager  
Mr. C.A. Turpin, Deputy City Manager (Corporate Services)  
Mr. G. Harvie, Deputy City Manager (Corp. Labour Relations)  
Mr. W.C. Sinclair, Director Engineering  
Mr. R. Earle, Director Finance  
Mr. D.G. Stenson, Director Planning & Building  
Mr. H. Monroe, Acting Director Recreation & Cultural Services  
Chief W. Brassington, Burnaby Fire Department  
Superintendent B. Fenske, OIC, Burnaby RCMP  
Mrs. D.R. Comis, City Clerk

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor - Elect D.P. Drummond called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Father Claudio Holzer, St. Helen's Parish opened the Inaugural Council Meeting with a prayer and blessing.

### **SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

His Honour, Judge David Stone performed the swearing in of newly elected Council members.

### **INAUGURAL ADDRESS**

His Worship, Mayor D.P. Drummond then delivered his Inaugural Address. The following is the text of the Mayor's Address:

1997 INAUGURAL

HONOURED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WELCOME TO THE 1997 INAUGURAL CEREMONY OF THE CITY OF BURNABY.

WITH ME TONIGHT IS OUR NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL WHO I AM SURE ARE AS DELIGHTED TO BE HERE AS I AM.

ONE PERSON WHO IS NOT HERE TONIGHT BUT IS IN OUR THOUGHTS IS FORMER MAYOR BILL COPELAND.

BILL COPELAND EARNED EVERYONE'S RESPECT FOR HIS OUTSTANDING WORK ON BEHALF OF ALL THE CITIZENS OF BURNABY AND I THANK HIM ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL FOR HIS DEDICATION.

I VISITED BILL A FEW DAYS AGO AND CAN REPORT TO YOU THAT HE IS MAKING A GOOD RECOVERY FROM A VERY SERIOUS ILLNESS. YOU HAVE OUR LOVE BILL AND OUR SUPPORT IN YOUR RECOVERY. I KNOW I SPEAK FOR COUNCIL AND FOR THE CITIZENS OF BURNABY WHEN WE SEND YOU OUR PERSONAL REGARDS.

I WOULD NOW LIKE TO INTRODUCE TO YOU THE NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURNABY:

COUNCILLOR DEREK CORRIGAN  
COUNCILLOR DOUG EVANS  
COUNCILLOR DOREEN LAWSON  
COUNCILLOR DAN JOHNSTON  
COUNCILLOR LEE RANKIN  
COUNCILLOR CELESTE REDMAN  
COUNCILLOR NICK VOLKOW  
COUNCILLOR JIM YOUNG

MAY I GIVE A SPECIAL WELCOME TO COUNCILLOR NICK VOLKOW, WHO WILL BE SERVING HIS FIRST TERM ON CITY COUNCIL. WELCOME ABOARD NICK.

I WOULD NOW LIKE TO REVIEW THE ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN BURNABY OVER THE PAST YEAR OR SO AND OUTLINE SOME OF THE PLANS WE HAVE FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

TO BEGIN WITH, BURNABY COUNCIL OVER THE YEARS HAS WORKED HARD TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR GROWTH THAT WILL ENSURE THAT BURNABY'S NATURAL ENVIRONMENT CO-EXISTS WITH GROWTH. I BELIEVE THIS IS A BASIC PRINCIPLE OF OUR POLICIES.

GROWTH BRINGS INTO FOCUS OUR WHOLE FINANCIAL BASE THAT GIVES US THE ABILITY TO SET AND ACHIEVE GOALS.

WITHOUT QUESTION, BURNABY'S GREATEST STRENGTH IS ITS FINANCIAL BASE. AT THE SENIOR LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT, DEBT IS A SERIOUS AND CONTINUING PROBLEM.

IN THE CITY OF BURNABY HOWEVER, THROUGH CAREFUL AND PRUDENT FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, WE HAVE RESERVES OF 185 MILLION DOLLARS AND EXTERNAL DEBT OF ONLY 7.4 MILLION DOLLARS.

BURNABY'S PROPERTY TAX INCREASE LAST YEAR WAS 1% FOR RESIDENTIAL, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY.

DURING THE LAST NINE YEARS OUR CITY TAXES FOR BUSINESS, AND RESIDENTIAL HAVE BEEN LESS THAN THE INFLATION RATE.

ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, WE ARE PROUD OF OUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FINANCIAL AREA AND OUR CITIZENS CAN COUNT ON US TO BE DILIGENT IN OUR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT.

AS MENTIONED EARLIER IN THIS REPORT, THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF BURNABY IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT. THERE ARE OF COURSE MANY ISSUES AND CONCERNS THAT FALL UNDER THE HEADING OF ENVIRONMENT.

TO BE ABLE TO PROPERLY ASSESS AND PREPARE ACTION PLANS WE HAVE INITIATED A NUMBER OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES. THESE INCLUDE:

1. BURRARD INLET FORESHORE AND UPLAND MANAGEMENT PLAN  
THIS PLAN HAS COMMENCED WITH THE NEXT PHASE BEING AN INFORMATION MAILOUT TO ALL RESIDENTS. IN ADDITION OUR STAFF WILL BE CONDUCTING INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATION WITH INDUSTRY AND COMMUNITY GROUPS. EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR WE WILL BEGIN TO IMPLEMENT SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS SUCH AS THOSE ON WATER QUALITY.
2. BURNABY LAKE REGIONAL NATURE PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN  
THE FINAL PHASE IS UNDERWAY. THIS WILL CONCENTRATE ON RECOMMENDATION FOR DISTRICT BIOPHYSICAL ZONES IN THE PARK. THIS STUDY WHICH IS FUNDED BY ENVIRONMENT CANADA, THE GVRD AND THE CITY OF BURNABY WILL EVALUATE RESULTS OF PREVIOUS DREDGING, WATER QUALITY, WILDLIFE AND OVERALL LAKE HABITAT.
3. STILL CREEK - BRUNETTE BASIN ISSUES  
IN COLLABORATION WITH GVRD, WESTWATER RESEARCH, UBC, BCIT, DFO AND MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT LANDS AND PARKS, THE CITY WILL

BE PROPOSING PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR MANAGING THE BRUNETTE BASIN WATERSHED.

4. SEDIMENT CONTROL BYLAWS/GUIDELINES  
STAFF ARE NOW STUDYING HOW BEST TO DEVELOP NEW BYLAWS OR GUIDELINES SPECIFIC TO BURNABY'S WATERWAYS THAT WOULD INCLUDE BRYNE CREEK.
5. BURNABY ENVIRONMENTAL CLASSROOM  
THIS CENTRE NOW LOCATED AT STONEY CREEK COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROVIDES FREE MEETING SPACE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES.
6. BURNABY STREAMKEEPERS  
UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF ELMER RUDOLPH, THIS GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS PROVIDES A FORUM FOR GROUPS INTERESTED IN STREAMKEEPING TO GET TOGETHER AND SHARE IDEAS.  
OTHER PROJECTS INCLUDE:
7. BURNABY LAKE SYSTEM PROJECT
8. PUBLIC ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP EVENTS SUCH AS BC RIVERS DAY.
9. GREEN LINKS PROJECT LED BY DOUGLAS COLLEGE
10. DEER LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN
11. ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVE AREAS STUDY
12. TREE BYLAW  
I BELIEVE THAT THIS LIST OF ACTIVITIES SHOW OUR SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS THE ENVIRONMENT. IT ALSO SHOWS THE DEDICATION AND HARD WORK DONE BY OUR STAFF.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT IN BURNABY IS ALSO VERY IMPORTANT TO US. BUSINESS PARKS IN BURNABY ARE PLAYING A KEY ROLE IN BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE COMMUNITY. WITH BURNABY'S CENTRAL LOCATION IN THE REGION, DEVELOPMENT OF THE FOLLOWING HIGH QUALITY BUSINESS PARKS HAVE STARTED OR ARE WELL UNDERWAY. SLOUGH ESTATES, BRIDGE BUSINESS PARK AND CANADA WAY BUSINESS PARK IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY COMPRISE ABOUT 73 ACRES. IN THE BIG BEND AREA GLENLYON BUSINESS PARK, RIVERFRONT BUSINESS PARK, BURNABY BUSINESS PARK AND GATEWAY CENTRE COMPRISE ABOUT 268 ACRES. IN ADDITION AN INNOVATIVE PROPOSAL WITH BURNABY BUSINESS PARKS WILL CREATE PRODUCTIVE AGRICULTURAL LAND WITH A PARK GREENWAY INCLUDED.

I WOULD LIKE NOW TO TURN TO "PEOPLE" ISSUES AND PRESENT TO YOU SOME OF OUR ACTIVITIES AND PLANS WITH RESPECT TO YOUTH. COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED A CIVIC YOUTH STRATEGY THAT WILL ENSURE OUR COMMITMENT TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF BURNABY. PUTTING THE STRATEGY INTO PRACTICE THE LOUGHEED AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED A YOUTH WORKING GROUP AND A DROP-IN CENTRE WAS OPENED ON THE STONEY CREEK COMMUNITY SCHOOL GROUNDS. A NEW YOUTH CENTRE WILL BE OPENING ON THE STRIDE-EDMONDS AREA AND PRELIMINARY WORK IS BEING DONE FOR A YOUTH CENTRE IN THE HASTINGS AREA. BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE COUNCIL PLACES ON YOUTH ISSUES, I AM GOING TO ASK COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON TO SERVE AS YOUTH LIAISON TO COUNCIL.

OUR COMMUNITY POLICING IS WELL UNDERWAY NOW AND HAS OPENED A FIRST COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICE IN THE LOUGHEED MALL AREA.

OTHER KEY AREAS OF FOCUS INCLUDE CHILDCARE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HERITAGE.

THE HANNA COURT CHILDREN'S CENTRE IS PROVIDING A STATE-OF-THE-ART CARE FACILITY. THIS CENTRE WAS BROUGHT ABOUT THROUGH COOPERATION BETWEEN CITY OF BURNABY, THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND BC HYDRO.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONTINUES AS A PRIORITY FOR CITY COUNCIL. IN 1996 THE FIRST "ABBEEVILLE" HOME FOR SENIORS WAS OPENED. A VARIETY OF NON-PROFIT HOUSING INITIATIVES HAVE BEEN CREATED IN THE LAST THREE YEARS. FOR INSTANCE, THE CITY HAS LEASED LAND FOR NON-MARKET HOUSING AND WE HAVE WORKED WITH NUMEROUS SOCIETIES AND DEVELOPERS TO PRODUCE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN OUR COMMUNITY. I AM GOING TO ASK COUNCILLOR JIM YOUNG TO BE SENIOR'S LIAISON PERSON TO COUNCIL. THE SENIORS IN BURNABY ARE A VERY ACTIVE GROUP AND ARE A POSITIVE FORCE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

BURNABY CONTINUED IN 1996 TO HONOUR ITS HERITAGE BY ADDING FOUR MORE HERITAGE HOUSES TO THE EXISTING 24.

THESE NEW ADDITIONS ARE:

1. JOHN AND CHRISTINA MACKIE HOUSE - "THE GABLES"
2. J. D. SHEARER HOUSE
3. FREDERICK AND EDNA CUNNINGHAM HOUSE
4. WILLIAM WILSON HOUSE

I WANT TO RECOGNIZE AND THANK OUR COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION MEMBERS FOR THEIR GOOD WORK ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF BURNABY.

WE NOT ONLY INTEND TO KEEP BURNABY A BEAUTIFUL PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE AND WORK BUT WE WILL ENSURE THIS BY CONTINUING TO UPGRADE AND ADD TO OUR PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES. FOR EXAMPLE, BURNABY'S PARKS NOW MAKE UP 23.56% OF BURNABY'S LAND BASE.

SINCE 1990, 1600 ACRES OF DEDICATED PARKLAND HAS BEEN CREATED. 1100 ADDITIONAL ACRES SUPPORTED BY REFERENDUM IS NOW DEDICATED.

PARKS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR RECREATIONAL SYSTEM THAT HAVE ONGOING IMPROVEMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO PROVIDE SPACE AND FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS IN A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES.

CENTRAL VALLEY SPORTSFIELDS CONCEPTUAL PLANNING IS UNDERWAY. AS A FIRST STAGE WE WILL HAVE THREE FIELDS COVERED WITH ARTIFICIAL TURF. IN THIS SAME AREA, A NEW MULTI-PURPOSE ARENA IS SCHEDULED TO BE OPENED IN 1997 TO NOT ONLY FILL THE NEED FOR HOCKEY AND OTHER ICE-RELATED ACTIVITIES, BUT ALSO PROVIDE A SPACE FOR TRADE SHOWS AND LARGE GATHERINGS.

THE NEWLY DESIGNED AND REBUILT SWANGARD STADIUM WILL BE BETTER ABLE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF TRACK AND FIELD, SOCCER, RUGBY AND FOOTBALL ENTHUSIASTS.

THE BURNABY URBAN TRAIL NETWORK IS CONTINUING TO EXPAND. WE WILL CONTINUE THIS NETWORK WITH PLANS ALREADY UNDERWAY FOR 1997.

OUR CULTURAL SERVICES SHOW REMARKABLE SUCCESS ESPECIALLY THE PROGRAMS OFFERED AT THE NEW SHADBOLT CENTRE FOR THE ARTS.

DISCOVERY DAYS, WHICH WAS HELD AT DEER LAKE PARK FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 1996 WAS BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER.

AS GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT INCREASES IN BURNABY, SO DOES THE NEED FOR SERVICES SUCH AS ROADS, WATER LINES AND SEWER LINES.

OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS OR SO, ENGINEERING PROJECTS IN BURNABY HAVE INCLUDED MAJOR NEW ROADS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO ROADS SUCH AS ROYAL OAK AVENUE, NORTH OF KINGSWAY.

WHILE THESE NEW ROAD INITIATIVES WILL IMPROVE BURNABY'S TRAFFIC PROBLEMS, OTHER MEASURES INCLUDING TRAFFIC CALMING ARE ENHANCING NEIGHBOURHOOD LIVABILITY.

HEAVY TRAFFIC THROUGH BURNABY HAS LED TO IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW DIRECTIONS. ONE OF THESE IS THE PROVISION OF NEW BICYCLE ROUTES THAT WILL GIVE SOME CITIZENS THE OPPORTUNITY TO USE BICYCLES TO AND FROM WORK.

HOPEFULLY, SUCH PROPOSED VENTURES AS THE BROADWAY/LOUGHEED LIGHT RAPID TRANSIT LINE COULD HELP TRAFFIC PROBLEMS BY PROVIDING AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE AUTOMOBILE. BUT THIS SCHEME APPEARS TO BE SOME DISTANCE IN THE FUTURE.

CITIZENS OF BURNABY ARE CONCERNED WITH CRIME ESPECIALLY BREAKING AND ENTERING AND CAR THEFT THAT AFFECT THEM IN A PERSONAL WAY. THE CONTINUING INCREASE IN THESE TWO CRIME AREAS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED BY YOUR MAYOR AND COUNCIL. EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR I AM GOING TO ASK COUNCILLORS CORRIGAN, EVANS AND RANKIN TO JOIN ME IN MEETING WITH SUPERINTENDENT FENSKE OF THE RCMP TO DISCUSS WAYS OF COMBATING CRIME.

I BELIEVE THAT IN THE AREA OF SAFETY OUR POLICE FORCE AND FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICE ARE DOING A COMMENDABLE JOB AND I THANK THEM FOR THEIR DEDICATION.

WHILE BURNABY IS A VERY NICE PLACE TO LIVE FOR MANY, SOME OF OUR CITIZENS HAVE NEEDS THAT THEY CANNOT, WITH THEIR LIMITED RESOURCES, MEET ALONE. IN THE AREA OF HOUSING, FOR EXAMPLE, WE ARE COMMITTED TO CREATE NEW METHODS OF DEVELOPING AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN OUR COMMUNITY.

THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IS OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PLAN THAT HAS BEEN FORMED WITH SUCH ORGANIZATIONS AS THE BURNABY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE BURNABY ARTS COUNCIL, ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS AND VOLUNTEER AGENCIES.

IN ADDITION, WE PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES. OUR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PLAN HAS SUCCESSFULLY INVOLVED CITIZENS IN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING. YOUR COUNCIL HAS IMPLEMENTED THE HASTINGS COMMUNITY PLAN, HAS ESTABLISHED THE EDMONDS AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE, THE LOUGHEED AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND WILL BE INCLUDING SOON A ROYAL OAK AREA STUDY WITH PUBLIC CONSULTATION.

LOOKING TO 1997 AND BEYOND, COUNCIL WILL CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN OUR ACTIVITIES, ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS, RECREATIONAL, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

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WE WILL ALSO BE VIGOROUSLY PURSUING SOLUTIONS TO ONGOING PROBLEMS WHENEVER THESE SITUATIONS ARISE.

THE SUMMER GAMES IS OUR MAJOR EVENT IN 1997. WE WILL NEED MANY VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE THIS EVENT ONE WE CAN ALL BE PROUD OF. I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO ONCE AGAIN COUNT ON THE CITIZENS OF BURNABY FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

AS THE CHRISTMAS SEASON ONCE AGAIN APPROACHES I ASK YOU ONE AND ALL TO GIVE HOPE TO THOSE LESS FORTUNATE AND SUPPORT THE FOOD BANKS AND THE CHURCHES OF YOUR CHOICE IN THEIR HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS.

IN CONCLUSION I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THE BURNABY CITY COUNCIL HAS PROVIDED GOOD MANAGEMENT THROUGH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND BY ENSURING THAT THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF OUR CITY MEETS OUR FINANCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL POLICIES.

THE NEXT THREE YEARS WILL BE CHALLENGING FOR COUNCIL BUT OUR CITIZENS CAN COUNT ON US TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP TO DEVELOP POLICIES AND TO IMPLEMENT PLANS TO CONTINUE THE EXCELLENT GROWTH OF OUR CITY.

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE THIS EVENING TO JOIN US IN THE INAUGURAL FOR 1997.

### APPOINTMENTS TO REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR YOUNG:

"THAT the following appointments to the Greater Vancouver Regional District be approved for a term of one year:

#### Greater Vancouver Regional District

Directors	-	Councillor L.A. Rankin
	-	His Worship, Mayor D.P. Drummond
Alternate	-	Councillor Jim Young"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Greater Vancouver Regional Labour Relations Bureau

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR YOUNG:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR VOLKOW:

"THAT the following appointments to the Greater Vancouver Regional Labour Relations Bureau be approved for a term of one year:

Director - Councillor D.R. Corrigan

Alternate Director - Councillor D.G. Evans"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**REPORT**

Council chose not to deal with this item at this time.

His Worship, Mayor D.P. Drummond recognized and welcomed the following dignitaries who were in attendance at the Inaugural Meeting of Council:

Joan Sawicki, MLA Burnaby/Willingdon  
Fred Randall, MLA Burnaby/Edmonds  
Freeman George McLean  
Freeman Jim Lorimer  
Freeman David Herd

His Worship, Mayor D.P. Drummond expressed appreciation to His Honour, Judge David Stone for conducting the Swearing In Ceremony, to Father Claudio Holzer for delivering the Opening Prayer, to the two RCMP Members, Constable Jennifer Ploeger and Constable Gurr Saggir for providing the Ceremonial Guard and to Mr. Bob McNeil from the Simon Fraser University Pipe Band.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

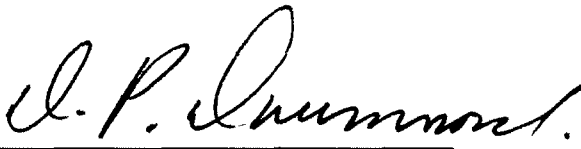
**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CORRIGAN:**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:**

"THAT this Inaugural Council Meeting do now adjourn."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Inaugural Council Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

  
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MAYOR

  
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DEPUTY CITY CLERK