TO:

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

97/10/14

FROM:

HIS WORSHIP, MAYOR D.P. DRUMMOND

SUBJECT:

CITY OF BURNABY VOTING STRENGTH

AT THE GVRD

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to determine the division of City of

Burnaby votes between the two GVRD Directors

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the nine votes awarded to the City of Burnaby at the GVRD Board meetings be divided between that two Directors as follows:

His Worship, Mayor Drummond Councillor Lee Rankin

5 Votes

4 Votes

REPORT

The GVRD is in receipt of the certified population figures for Burnaby which are used to determine the City's voting strength at the GVRD Board of Directors. Population figures have increased Burnaby's votes from eight votes to nine votes.

Directors are only permitted to hold a maximum of five votes. The Municipal Act stipulates that if equal distribution of the votes is not possible, Council must assign the votes to each director as evenly as possible, but in no case may the difference between the maximum and minimum number of votes assigned be greater than one.

In the case of odd number of votes, the additional vote is generally assigned to the Mayor, or if the Mayor is not a director, the longest serving Councillor. As a result, it is recommended that Burnaby's nine votes be divided by awarding five votes to Mayor Drummond and four votes to Councillor Rankin.

Respectfully submitted,

D.P. Drummond, MAYOR