

1999 DECEMBER 06

The Inaugural meeting of the City Council was held at Shadbolt Centre for the Arts, 6450 Deer Lake Avenue, Burnaby, B.C. on Monday, 1999 December 06 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor-Elect D.P. Drummond
Councillor-Elect G.R. Begin
Councillor D.R. Corrigan
Councillor-Elect B.K. Der
Councillor D.G. Evans
Councillor-Elect N.C. Harris
Councillor D.N. Johnston
Councillor C.M.H. Redman
Councillor N.M. Volkow

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
Ms. K. Friars, Director Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
Mr. B. Rose, City Solicitor
Supt. R. E. Dicks, RCMP, Burnaby
Fire Chief John Stewart
Mrs. D.R. Comis, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

His Worship, Mayor-Elect Douglas P. Drummond called the Council Inaugural meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Carlin Weinhour, Willingdon Church, opened the Inaugural Council meeting with a prayer and blessing.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

His Honour, Judge Thomas Gove performed the swearing-in of newly elected Council members.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

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

2000 INAUGURAL ADDRESS

HONOURED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. BURNABY IS A GREAT CITY. AS MAYOR, IT IS A VERY GREAT HONOUR FOR ME TO WELCOME YOU TO THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY OF YOUR CITY COUNCIL. AS WE APPROACH THE YEAR 2000, WE HAVE MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR. AS WELL, WE CONTINUE TO FACE MANY CHALLENGES AS WE STRIVE TO MAKE BURNABY AN EVER BETTER PLACE TO LIVE. TONIGHT I WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT SOME OF OUR RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS, AND OUTLINE OUR EXPECTATIONS FOR THE COMING YEAR.

BEFORE THAT, I WOULD FIRST LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE MLA'S, MP'S, AND FREEMEN IN ATTENDANCE TONIGHT:

- SVEND ROBINSON, M.P. BURNABY/KINGSWAY
- PAUL FORSETH, M.P. NEW WESTMINSTER/BURNABY
- HERB DHALIWAL, M.P. VANCOUVER SOUTH/BURNABY
- CHRISTIE CLARK, MLA PORT MOODY/BURNABY MOUNTAIN
- JOAN SAWICKI, MLA BURNABY WILLINGDON
- FRED RANDALL, MLA BURNABY/EDMONDS
- PIETRO CALENDINO, MLA BURNABY NORTH

- FREEMAN EILEEN DAILLY
- FREEMAN GEORGE McLEAN
- FREEMAN JIM LORIMER
- FREEMAN DAVID HERD
- FREEMAN BOB PRITTIE
- FREEMAN ALAN EMMOTT
- FREEMAN DON BROWN

NEXT, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE AND WELCOME THE NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF BURNABY COUNCIL:

COUNCILLOR GARY BEGIN,
COUNCILLOR BARBARA DER,
AND
COUNCILLOR NANCY HARRIS;

AS WELL AS OUR RETURNING COUNCILLORS:

COUNCILLOR DEREK CORRIGAN,
COUNCILLOR DOUG EVANS,
COUNCILLOR DAN JOHNSTON,
COUNCILLOR CELEST REDMAN,
COUNCILLOR NICK VOLKOW

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO PERSONALLY RECOGNIZE THE EXTENSIVE CONTRIBUTIONS AND COMMITMENT TO BURNABY MADE BY THREE FORMER MEMBERS OF COUNCIL – LEE RANKIN, DOREEN LAWSON AND JIM YOUNG.

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL MEMBERS OF THIS COUNCIL. I KNOW WE WILL DO OUR BEST – TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF BURNABY CITIZENS – TO CONTINUE TO BUILD OUR COMMUNITY – AND TO FACE NEW CHALLENGES IN A DIRECT AND FORTHRIGHT MANNER.

WITHOUT A DOUBT, BURNABY'S GREATEST STRENGTH IS ITS CITIZENS, BUSINESS LEADERS, AND COMMUNITIES. THE CONTRIBUTION, COMMITMENT, AND VISION OF THE DIVERSE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY HAS GIVEN BURNABY MUCH TO BE PROUD OF.

WE HAVE AN INCREASINGLY DIVERSE AND VIBRANT ECONOMY. WE ARE KNOWN FOR OUR PARKS AND OPEN SPACES. WE ARE IN EXCELLENT FINANCIAL HEALTH. AND WE ENJOY A QUALITY OF LIFE THAT CONSISTENTLY ATTRACTS NEW PEOPLE AND NEW BUSINESSES TO OUR COMMUNITY.

OVER THE PAST YEAR, BURNABY HAS CONTINUED TO BUILD ON ITS SUCCESSES.

FINANCIALLY, BURNABY IS ON A VERY SOUND FINANCIAL FOOTING. THIS YEAR, WE PAID OFF ALL OF OUR DEBT TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. OUR TOTAL RESERVES ARE OVER \$200 MILLION DOLLARS. WE ARE ABLE TO DRAW ON THESE FUNDS TO IMPROVE SERVICES AND BUILD NEW FACILITIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF BURNABY CITIZENS.

AT THE SAME TIME, WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW A FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE AND CONSERVATIVE APPROACH TO PUBLIC SPENDING. BURNABY HAS BEEN ABLE TO KEEP PROPERTY TAX INCREASES BELOW THE GENERAL RATE OF INFLATION DURING THE LAST DECADE. OUR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX RATES ARE AMONGST THE LOWEST IN THE GVRD.

OUR FINANCIAL HEALTH ENABLES BURNABY TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES AND FACILITIES NEEDED TO BUILD A HEALTHY COMMUNITY. MAJOR PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED NEXT YEAR INCLUDE – THE REPLACEMENT OF THE #5 FIRE HALL ON

HASTINGS STREET – RECONSTRUCTION OF THE MCGILL LIBRARY – ROAD WORKS FOR BYRNE ROAD, GILMORE AVENUE, AND THE MARINE WAY & 10TH AVENUE CONNECTOR – AND BURNABY MOUNTAIN PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

BURNABY ALSO CONTINUES TO PLAN FOR IMPORTANT LAND ACQUISITIONS TO ADD TO OUR PARKS AND OPEN SPACES – TO PROVIDE FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES – AND TO ENSURE THE PROPER REDEVELOPMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY.

AS BURNABY GROWS AND DEVELOPS WITHIN THE REGION, WE WILL NEED TO RELY ON SOUND PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES TO MAINTAIN, PROTECT, AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE WE ENJOY.

THE CITY'S OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN (OCP) PROVIDES THE FRAMEWORK THAT WILL GUIDE OUR DEVELOPMENT INTO THE FUTURE. THE PLANS FOR THE CITY STRIVE TO MAKE BURNABY A MORE LIVEABLE PLACE – TO PROTECT AND EXPAND PARKS AND OPEN SPACES – TO RESPOND TO BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL NEEDS FOR GROWTH – AND TO ADDRESS TRANSPORTATION ISSUES.

THE LOUGHEED SKYTRAIN LINE WILL PLAY A MAJOR -- LONG TERM -- ROLE IN REDUCING OUR NEED TO USE OUR CARS. WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE LOUGHEED LINE, ALL OF OUR TOWN CENTRES AND MANY OF OUR BUSINESS PARKS WILL BE SERVED BY SKYTRAIN. HOWEVER, THE CITY WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TO ENSURE THAT THE NEW SKYTRAIN LINE MEETS THE NEEDS AND GOALS OF OUR COMMUNITY – TO ENSURE THAT STATIONS ARE SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE – AND TO PROTECT OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS.

THIS CITY CAN EXPECT TO BENEFIT FROM THE EXPANSION OF RAPID TRANSIT AND THE NEW COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND RESIDENTIAL GROWTH THAT IT WILL SUPPORT. OUR PLANS AND POLICIES WILL GUIDE THIS NEW GROWTH TO OUR TOWN CENTRES, OUR BUSINESS PARKS AND TO SMALLER URBAN VILLAGE AREAS.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS LIKE – THE CRYSTAL IN METROTOWN – ELECTRONIC ARTS, CREO AND PACIFIC BLUE CROSS IN DISCOVERY PLACE – THE NIKKEI HERITAGE CENTRE ON KINGSWAY – THE BOMBARDIER SKYTRAIN ASSEMBLY PLANT IN EDMONDS – BALLARD IN GLEN LYON ESTATES - PILOT PACIFIC AT LAKE CITY - THE IBM OFFICES ON CANADA WAY REFLECT THE STANDARD OF DEVELOPMENT WE CAN EXPECT IN THE FUTURE. THESE, AND THE MANY OTHER DEVELOPMENTS ACROSS THE CITY, HAVE PROVIDED US WITH SUBSTANTIAL EMPLOYMENT GROWTH, TAX BASE GAINS AND DIRECT COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS TO ROADS, PARKS, AND RECREATIONAL CENTRES.

WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO ATTRACT THE NEW GENERATION OF KNOWLEDGE BASED, CLEAN, HIGH TECHNOLOGY, AND RESEARCH FOCUSED FIRMS TO OUR BUSINESS CENTRES. BURNABY IS AN ATTRACTIVE LOCATION FOR THESE FIRMS BECAUSE OF OUR CENTRAL LOCATION, OUR STRONG RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBOURHOODS, AND OUR COMMUNITY AMENITIES. IN RETURN, NEW HIGH TECH INDUSTRIES WILL PROVIDE GOOD QUALITY JOBS FOR OUR CITIZENS, OUR GRADUATES FROM SFU AND BCIT – HELP OFFSET RESIDENTIAL TAX INCREASES – AND HELP US IN CREATING A MORE COMPLETE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY.

BURNABY WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY TO ENSURE THAT NEW DEVELOPMENT IS IN OUR BEST INTERESTS AND THAT BUSINESSES RECEIVE THE CITY SERVICES AND HELP THEY NEED TO BUILD IN BURNABY. OUR PARTNERS IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THE BURNABY BOARD OF TRADE AND OTHERS, WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH US TO PROMOTE THE CITY AS A PLACE FOR BUSINESS, HIGH TECH., FILM AND TOURISM.

TO MAINTAIN OUR QUALITY OF LIFE, WE MUST ALSO ENSURE THE HEALTH OF OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT. FOR MANY YEARS, BURNABY HAS WORKED TO ANTICIPATE AND PREVENT ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS – TO PROTECT OUR ECOSYSTEMS – AND TO FIND A SUITABLE BALANCE BETWEEN THE PROTECTION OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND OUR NEEDS FOR JOBS, HOMES, ROADS, FACILITIES AND SERVICES.

WE HAVE MADE MANY ADVANCES IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. BURNABY HAS SET ASIDE 24% OF THE CITY FOR PARK LAND. WE CONTINUE TO AGGRESSIVELY PURSUE ADDITIONAL ACQUISITIONS FOR PARK LAND IN DEER LAKE PARK, ON THE FRASER RIVER, IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY AND ON BURRARD INLET. WE WILL SPONSOR FUTURE REFERENDUMS FOR THE DEDICATION OF PARK LAND BY BURNABY CITIZENS.

CITY WORKS, SUCH AS THE BYRNE ROAD AND MARINE / 10TH CONNECTOR PROJECT ALSO DEMONSTRATE BURNABY'S COMMITMENT TO ENHANCING THE ENVIRONMENT. THIS ROAD PROJECT BRINGS WITH IT BOTH TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT BENEFITS FOR LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOODS, AS WELL AS SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS TO BYRNE CREEK. A NEW FISH SPAWNING CHANNEL AND REARING HABITAT HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED IN THE LOWER REACHES OF THE CREEK. THE BYRNE CREEK STREAMKEEPERS PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN DESIGNING THE HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS THAT WILL ASSIST WITH DECLINING SALMON STOCKS, AND PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE AS AN EDUCATIONAL TOOL TO PROMOTE STREAM PROTECTION AND STEWARDSHIP.

WE HAVE COMPLETED MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR BURNABY MOUNTAIN PARK, DEER LAKE PARK, AND THE STONEY CREEK WATERSHED. OTHER MANAGEMENT PLANS ARE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY FOR THE BRUNETTE WATERSHED, BURRARD INLET, BARNET MARINE PARK AND BURNABY LAKE. WORK TO REJUVENATE BURNABY LAKE STARTED THIS YEAR WITH A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL PILOT PROJECT TO REMOVE SEDIMENT. THE RESULTS OF THIS PROJECT WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO THE BURNABY LAKE REGIONAL NATURE PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN, AND WILL POINT THE WAY FOR FUTURE LAKE REJUVENATION WORKS.

THE PLAN FOR BURRARD INLET WILL ESTABLISH A FUTURE VISION FOR THE FORESHORE AND UPLAND AREAS ON OUR WATERFRONT. WE ARE CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING WITH THE VANCOUVER PORT AUTHORITY FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE BERRY POINT INDUSTRIAL SITE AT THE FOOT OF PENZANCE DRIVE. THIS ACQUISITION WILL GREATLY IMPROVE PUBLIC ACCESS. THE BURRARD INLET PLAN WILL INCLUDE THE RECENTLY COMPLETED TRANS CANADA TRAIL, OTHER URBAN TRAIL CONNECTIONS, ALONG WITH THE BARNET MARINE PARK AND BURNABY MOUNTAIN PARK PLANS.

SOME OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT WORK TO CREATE AN URBAN ESTUARY HABITAT FOR SALMON HAVE BEEN COMPLETED ALONG BURNABY'S FRASER FORESHORE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DFO. DEVELOPMENT OF A MAJOR PUBLIC NATURE PARK WITH TRAILS AND NATURE VIEWING OPPORTUNITIES IS UNDERWAY AS PART OF THIS WORK ON THE 46 ACRE SITE.

WORK TO CONNECT OUR MAJOR PARKS AND OPEN SPACES THROUGH ECOLOGICAL AND RECREATIONAL GREENWAYS CONTINUES THROUGH A NUMBER OF PROGRAMS INCLUDING THE GREEN ZONE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA STRATEGIES, THE URBAN TRAIL PROGRAM AND IMPORTANT ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENTS BY BURNABY'S STREAMKEEPERS. HOWEVER, WE NEED TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WHICH WILL ENSURE THAT THESE ECOLOGICAL CORRIDORS WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO OUR PLANNING PROCESS AND BE ACTED UPON IN THE FUTURE.

ONE THEME I WANT TO STRESS IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL AREA, AND ALL ASPECTS OF OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, IS THE ESSENTIAL ROLE OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. IN ALL AREAS OF ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP, THE COMMUNITY AND COUNCIL MUST WORK TOGETHER. IT WILL BE THE EFFORTS OF INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS AND COMMUNITIES THAT WILL PROVIDE THE ENERGY, RESOURCES AND VISION TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT FOR THE FUTURE.

THE CITY WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AND WORK AS PARTNERS WITH OUR COMMUNITIES ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES. OUR BURNABY STREAMKEEPERS ARE A KEY EXAMPLE OF VOLUNTEER-LED, COMMUNITY AND CITY PARTNERSHIP. BURNABY HAS EIGHT ACTIVE STREAMKEEPING GROUPS WHICH HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN THE IMPROVEMENT, PROTECTION AND MONITORING OF THEIR RESPECTIVE BURNABY STREAMS.

A KEY PARTNERSHIP THIS YEAR IS WITH BCIT AND THE WATERSHED PLEDGE PROGRAM. IN MY VIEW, THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST INNOVATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTRY. AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY TO BE A PART OF IT.

THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP, COMMUNITY PARTNERS, AND CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT IS ALSO EVIDENT IN THE CITY'S ANNUAL ENVIRONMENT WEEK AND BC RIVERS DAY CELEBRATIONS. THIS YEAR, OVER 30 COMMUNITY EVENTS WERE HELD, WITH THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATING IN PLANTINGS, CLEAN-UPS, FISH RELEASES, INTERPRETIVE WALKS AND TRAIL REPAIRS.

AS WE ALL KNOW, WE ALSO HAVE TO LOOK AFTER THE SOCIAL, RECREATIONAL, AND SERVICE NEEDS OF OUR CITIZENS. BURNABY HAS SOME OF THE BEST FACILITIES AND SERVICES IN THE LOWER MAINLAND. AS ALWAYS, THESE ARE PROVIDED AND MAINTAINED WITH THE ADVICE AND INPUT OF THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE.

WE CONTINUE TO EXPAND OUR YOUTH FACILITIES. THE FOURTH YOUTH CENTRE WAS OPENED THIS YEAR IN CONFEDERATION PARK TO SERVE YOUTH IN NORTH BURNABY. PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES ALSO CONTINUE TO EXPAND WITH MANY IMPROVEMENTS TO NEIGHBOURHOOD, DISTRICT AND REGIONAL FACILITIES. THE RECENTLY COMPLETED BURNABY LAKE SPORTS COMPLEX EXPANSION HAS RECEIVED HIGH PRAISE FROM THE COMMUNITY. IN COMBINATION WITH OTHER NEAR-BY CITY AND PRIVATE SPORTING VENUES, THE YEAR-ROUND UTILITY OF THE ALL-WEATHER FIELDS AND FIELD HOUSE DEVELOPMENT WILL MAKE BURNABY A PREMIER SPORTING DESTINATION.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW MCGILL LIBRARY WILL BEGIN THIS COMING YEAR. THIS NEW 23,000 SQUARE FOOT FACILITY WILL GREATLY ENHANCE LIBRARY SERVICES IN NORTH BURNABY. THE BURNABY LIBRARY WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE PUBLIC ACCESS TO MATERIALS THROUGH THE INTERNET WITH GRANTS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE GATES LIBRARY FOUNDATION.

OUR COMMUNITY POLICING PROGRAM ALSO CONTINUES TO GROW. WE OPENED TWO NEW COMMUNITY POLICING OFFICES THIS YEAR – ONE IN METROTOWN AND ONE ON HASTINGS STREET. THE NEXT COMMUNITY POLICING OFFICE WILL BE BUILT IN THE EDMONDS AREA. COMMUNITY POLICING HAS ENABLED OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS TO FOCUS POLICE RESOURCES ON LOCAL ISSUES, AND ALLOWED THE COMMUNITY TO TAKE PART IN DEVELOPING THEIR OWN SOLUTIONS.

ON A VERY SERIOUS NOTE, BURNABY IS FACING SOME MAJOR COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES RELATED TO DRUG TRAFFICKING AND EXPLOITATION OF OUR YOUTH. THE PROTECTION OF OUR FAMILIES, OUR COMMUNITIES, AND OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS IS A TOP PRIORITY FOR THE CITY AND THIS COUNCIL. WE WILL BE WORKING WITH THE R.C.M.POLICE, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND OTHER RESOURCES AT OUR DISPOSAL TO ADDRESS THESE KEY PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES. WE WILL NEED TO DRAW ON THE RESOURCES OF OUR POLICE FORCE, AND OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS TO SUPPORT THE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES. AS WELL, WE WILL REQUIRE THE ASSISTANCE AND CO-OPERATION OF OTHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT.

IN ADDITION TO POLICING AND OTHER TOOLS, THE CITY WILL SEEK TO ENHANCE OUR HOUSING STOCK, PARTICULARLY IN OUR TOWN CENTRES AND ALONG OUR TRANSIT CORRIDORS. THROUGH CAREFUL PLANNING, WE ARE LOOKING TOWARDS SOLUTIONS THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR MORE RESIDENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES IN THESE AREAS. THIS WILL INCLUDE ENHANCING AND MAINTAINING OUR STOCK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THOSE IN NEED.

AS I SAID EARLIER, BURNABY'S GREATEST ASSET IS ITS PEOPLE. WE HAVE DEVELOPED A STRONG AND GROWING TRADITION OF ACTIVE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, CITIZEN BASED PLANNING FOR OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS, AND VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY. WE WILL CONTINUE TO RELY ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD LEVEL PLANNING PROCESSES TO ADDRESS LOCAL CONCERNS AND ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN SO SUCCESSFUL IN THE HASTING STREET, LOUGHEED, EDMONDS, ROYAL OAK, AND OTHER AREAS OF BURNABY.

WE ARE EXTREMELY THANKFUL FOR THE INDIVIDUAL COMMITMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO BURNABY THAT OUR CITIZENS HAVE MADE THROUGH THE MANY CITY COMMITTEES, BOARDS, ADVISORY BODIES, STEWARDSHIP GROUPS AND NEIGHBOURHOOD ORGANIZATIONS.

IN TOTAL, WE HAVE SOME 17 COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND BOARDS WITH OVER 90 BURNABY CITIZENS SERVING ON THEM CONTRIBUTING THEIR TIME, ENERGY AND IDEAS. THE CITY ALSO PROVIDES A BROAD RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES TO RECEIVE PUBLIC INPUT THROUGH MEETINGS, OPEN HOUSES, WORKING GROUPS AND DIRECTLY TO COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF.

STILL, WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO MAKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT MORE ACCESSIBLE TO AN INCREASINGLY DIVERSE COMMUNITY. CHANGES IN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION – THE INTERNET, WEB SITES, E-MAIL, CELL PHONES AND WIRELESS TECHNOLOGY – WILL PROVIDE SOME TOOLS TO HELP US WITH THIS. THE CITY'S WEB SITE PROVIDES ACCESS TO BURNABY'S INFORMATION AND SERVICES AT ANY TIME OF DAY AND FROM ANY PLACE IN THE WORLD. WE WILL CONTINUE TO EXPAND THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH ELECTRONIC FILING OF DOCUMENTS, REPORTS AND COUNCIL AGENDAS. IN THE FUTURE, WE WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO OFFER ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO A WIDER RANGE OF CITY SERVICES.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND OUR CITY STAFF WILL ALWAYS REMAIN DIRECTLY ACCESSIBLE TO THE CITIZENS OF BURNABY.

LET ME CONCLUDE BY SAYING WE SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF THE GREAT CITY WE HAVE CREATED IN BURNABY. WE HAVE A CARING COMMUNITY THAT WANTS TO LOOK AFTER ITS ENVIRONMENT, ITS YOUTH, OUR SENIORS, FAMILIES, AND THOSE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE. WE PROTECT OUR HERITAGE AND WORK TO KEEP BURNABY BEAUTIFUL. WE CAN EXPECT CONTINUED ECONOMIC SUCCESS AS BURNABY COMPANIES GROW AND PROSPER. AND THE COMMITMENT OF OUR CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS TO THE COMMUNITY IS SECOND TO NONE. THE NEXT THREE YEARS WILL BE CHALLENGING FOR THIS COUNCIL. WE HAVE MUCH WORK TO DO. WE WILL CONTINUE TO LISTEN TO CITIZENS CONCERNS. AND I KNOW THAT THIS COUNCIL WILL WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE THAT BURNABY CONTINUES TO BE A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK.

ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL AND ALL OF THE CITIZENS, I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU WHO TAKE THE TIME TO BE INTERESTED IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND HAVE VOLUNTEERED YOUR TIME, ENERGY AND IDEAS TO MAKE BURNABY WHAT IT IS TODAY.

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

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THIS EVENING FOR THE YEAR 2000 INAUGURAL CEREMONY FOR BURNABY COUNCIL.

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APPOINTMENTS TO GREATER VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT

Directors - Greater Vancouver Regional District
Director - Greater Vancouver Regional Labour Relations Bureau

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CORRIGAN:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:

"THAT the following appointments to Regional Organizations be approved for a term of one year.

Greater Vancouver Regional District:

Directors
Mayor Doug Drummond
Councillor Derek Corrigan

Alternate
Councillor Dan Johnston
Councillor Doug Evans

Greater Vancouver Regional Labour Relations Bureau:

Director
Councillor Doug Evans

Alternate
Councillor Celest Redman"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CORRIGAN:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR EVANS:

"THAT Council do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- a) The City Manager presented Report No. 31, 1999 December 06 on the matters listed following as Item 01 to 02 either providing the information shown or recommending the courses of action indicated for the reasons given:

1. 2000 Provisional Operating Budget

The City Manager submitted a report requesting Council approval of the 2000 Provisional Operating Budget. This budget reflects a net tax draw increase of 2.39%. It is a requirement of the Municipal Act that Council adopt a provisional budget before 1999 December 31.

The City Manager recommended:

1. THAT the 2000 Provisional Operating budget be received and approved, and that a provisional budget bylaw which appears on this agenda be brought forward.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EVANS:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BEGIN:

"THAT the recommendation of the City Manager be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. 2000 - 2004 Provisional Capital Program

The City Manager submitted a report requesting Council approval of the 2000 - 2004 Provisional Capital Program.

The City Manager recommended:

1. THAT the 2000 - 2004 Provisional Capital Program be approved and that an annual capital budget bylaw which appears on this agenda be brought forward.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CORRIGAN:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DER:

"THAT the recommendation of the City Manager be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CORRIGAN:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR VOLKOW:

"THAT the Committee now rise and report."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council reconvened.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EVANS:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CORRIGAN:

"THAT the report of the Committee be now adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BYLAWS

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REDMAN:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CORRIGAN:

THAT

Burnaby Provisional Budget Authorization #11045
Bylaw 2000

Burnaby Capital Expenditure Program Bylaw 2000 #11046

be now introduced and read three times."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR EVANS:

"THAT the following Committee meetings be cancelled for the month of December, 1999:

Traffic and Transportation Committee (Traffic Safety Division)
Traffic and Transportation Committee (Transportation and Transit Division)
Community Policing Committee
Community Planning and Housing Committee
Environment and Waste Management Committee"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CORRIGAN:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR EVANS:

"THAT a meeting of the Executive Committee of Council be held on 1999 December 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, Burnaby City Hall."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

His Worship, Mayor D.P. Drummond concluded the meeting by expressing appreciation to Judge Thomas Gove for conducting the Swearing In Ceremony and to Pastor Carlin Weinbauer for offering the Opening Prayer.

Mayor Drummond expressed appreciation to the two Burnaby RCMP members, Corporal Brian MacDonald and Constable Angela Rodricks in attendance at the meeting.

In addition, Mayor Drummond thanked the young piper from the Simon Fraser University Pipe Band for leading the newly elected Council into the meeting.

Mayor Drummond concluded the meeting by inviting all present to stay and enjoy a reception following the Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CORRIGAN:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:

"THAT this Council Inaugural meeting do now adjourn."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council Inaugural meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Confirmed:

Certified Correct:



MAYOR



CITY CLERK