

## **2002 DECEMBER 02**

An Inaugural meeting of the City Council was held at Shadbolt Centre for the Arts, 6450 Deer Lake Avenue, Burnaby, B.C. on Monday, 2002 December 02 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: His Worship Mayor D.R. Corrigan, In the Chair  
Councillor P. Calendino  
Councillor S. Dhaliwal  
Councillor D.G. Evans  
Councillor D.N. Johnston  
Councillor C. Jordan  
Councillor L.A. Rankin  
Councillor C.M.H. Redman  
Councillor N.M. Volkow

STAFF: Mr. R.H. Moncur, City Manager  
Mr. C.A. Turpin, Deputy City Manager  
Mr. W.C. Sinclair, Director Engineering  
Mr. R. Earle, Director Finance  
Ms. K. Friars, Director Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services  
Mr. J. Belhouse, Director Planning & Building  
Mr. B. Rose, City Solicitor  
Mrs. D.R. Comis, City Clerk  
Mrs. M. Manuel, Deputy City Clerk  
Fire Chief, John Stewart  
Officer in Charge, RCMP, Carl Schmiertenknop

His Worship, Mayor-Elect Derek R. Corrigan called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

### **THE BLESSING**

Reverend Abiel Khalema, Deer Lake United Church opened the meeting with a blessing.

Giani Bakshish Singh Khalsa then gave a blessing in Punjabi.

### **SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

The Honourable Judge Joanne Challenger of the B.C. Provincial Court performed the swearing in of the newly elected members of Council.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Mayor Corrigan introduced visiting dignitaries and special guests:

Harry Bloy, M.L.A. Port Moody/Burnaby Mountain  
Patty Sahota, M.L.A. Burnaby/Edmonds  
Richard Lee, M.L.A. Burnaby/North  
John Nuraney, M.L.A. Burnaby-Willingdon

Freeman George McLean  
Freeman Jim Lorimer  
Freeman David Herd  
Freeman Alan Emmott  
Freeman Don Brown

Special Guest - Ujjal Dosangh  
Special Guest - Consulate General of India. B. Jaishankar

### **INAUGURAL ADDRESS**

His Worship, Mayor Derek R. Corrigan delivered his Inaugural Address. The following is the text of the Mayor's address:

HONOURED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, FRIENDS ONE AND ALL, IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO WELCOME YOU TO THE 2002 INAUGURAL CEREMONY OF YOUR BURNABY CITY COUNCIL. BURNABY IS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK, LEARN AND PLAY. WE ALL HAVE MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR AS WE CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO MAKE BURNABY A MODEL COMMUNITY, WITH OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL OUR CITIZENS TO MAKE THEIR LIVES BETTER AND MORE FULFILLING. TONIGHT, I WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT SOME OF OUR RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS AND OUTLINE SOME OF OUR PLANS FOR THIS AND FUTURE YEARS.

FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOUR NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS:

COUNCILLOR PIETRO CALENDINO  
COUNCILLOR SAV DHALIWAL  
COUNCILLOR DOUG EVANS  
COUNCILLOR DAN JOHNSTON  
COUNCILLOR COLLEEN JORDAN  
COUNCILLOR LEE RANKIN  
COUNCILLOR CELESTE REDMAN AND  
COUNCILLOR NICK VOLKOW

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO PERSONALLY RECOGNIZE THE EXTENSIVE CONTRIBUTIONS AND THE COMMITMENTS TO OUR CITY MADE BY OUR FORMER MAYOR DOUG DRUMMOND, AND FORMER COUNCILLORS GARY BEGIN, BARBARA DER AND NANCY HARRIS.

WE ARE BUILDING ON A FOUNDATION OF STRENGTH AND IT IS OUR DUTY TO KEEP BURNABY STRONG. WE HAVE GREAT COMMUNITIES, THRIVING BUSINESSES AND COMMITTED CITIZENS. WE ARE ALL PROUD OF OUR CITY AND WE ARE ESPECIALLY LUCKY TO HAVE THE MOST COMPETENT AND DEDICATED PROFESSIONAL STAFF AVAILABLE. THEIR DAY-TO-DAY WORK PROVIDES THE INFORMATION AND ADVICE THAT ALLOWS OUR VISION TO BECOME REALITY.

WE ARE ALSO BLESSED WITH A SUPPORTIVE WORK FORCE OF WELL-TRAINED EMPLOYEES AND WE ARE VERY PROUD OF THE POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE WITH THEIR REPRESENTATIVE UNIONS. TOGETHER, WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A WORK PLACE THAT RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF EVERYONE WHO WORKS TO MAKE THIS CITY BETTER.

THERE ARE MANY POSITIVE THINGS TO SAY ABOUT THE LAST YEAR, TOO MANY TO INCLUDE IN A INAUGURAL ADDRESS, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS FROM EACH OF OUR DEPARTMENTS.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MENTION SOME OF OUR CHALLENGES AND THE PLANS WE ARE MAKING TO MEET THOSE CHALLENGES.

UNDER THE ABLE GUIDANCE OF FINANCE DIRECTOR, RICK EARLE, THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT HAS HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

THE TAX OFFICE HAS IMPLEMENTED THE ABILITY FOR BURNABY TAXPAYERS TO REMIT THEIR TAX BILL AND HOMEOWNER GRANT OVER THE INTERNET. BURNABY WAS THE FIRST CITY IN BRITISH COLUMBIA TO OFFER THIS SERVICE. WE ARE ALSO ABLE, THROUGH A SEPARATE E-MAIL ADDRESS TO PROVIDE SAME DAY RESPONSES TO ANSWER TAXPAYERS QUESTIONS.

INFORMATION SERVICES HAS RECENTLY COMPLETED A LIBRARY CATALOGUE AND CIRCULATION SYSTEM WHICH PROVIDES INTERNET ACCESS TO THE LIBRARY COLLECTION. WE ARE ALSO IMPLEMENTING A PARKS FACILITY AND BOOKING REGISTRATION SYSTEM TO PROVIDE PUBLIC ACCESS TO PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMS. AND FINALLY, INFORMATION SERVICES IS PROVIDING A BURNABY WEB MAP USING THE BURNABY MAPPING SYSTEM. THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE ACCESS TO DETAILED MAPS OF THEIR COMMUNITY.

IN 2003, WE WILL BE CONNECTING THE MOBILE ACCESS SYSTEM IN FIRE TRUCKS TO OUR COMPUTER DATA IN ORDER TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON BUILDINGS, WITH PARTICULAR REGARD TO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. AND WE WILL CONTINUE THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR WEB-SITE TO GIVE OUR CITIZENS THE BEST ACCESS POSSIBLE TO IMPORTANT BURNABY SUBJECTS AND ISSUES.

ON THE PURCHASING SIDE OF FINANCE, WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF OUR PROCUREMENT AND WE ARE UNDERTAKING A JOINT PROJECT, WITH B.C. HYDRO AND HONEYWELL, IN ORDER TO EVALUATE A BUILDING ENERGY CONSERVATION REFIT. WE EXPECT THIS REFIT TO BE ENTIRELY PAID FOR BY THE ENERGY COST SAVINGS.

PURCHASING HAVE ALSO JUST COMPLETED WORK WITH THE CITY'S EMERGENCY COORDINATOR TO OBTAIN SECURE FORMAL AGREEMENTS WITH LOCAL MERCHANTS AND SUPPLIERS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF VICTIMS OF DISASTER, INCLUDING FOOD, SHELTER, CLOTHING AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT AND ALL MEMBERS OF OUR MANAGEMENT STAFF TO REFINE THE PROVISIONAL BUDGET AND TO ENSURE THAT BURNABY TAXPAYERS ARE GETTING THE BEST VALUE FOR THEIR TAX DOLLARS. WE WILL BE MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CHANGES IN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT POLICY, WITHOUT REDUCING THE SERVICES WE PROVIDE TO OUR COMMUNITY.

OUR PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT, UNDER DIRECTOR JACK BELHOUSE, CONTINUES TO BE A LEADER IN MODERN, SUSTAINABLE URBAN PLANNING.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP IS A SIGNIFICANT PART OF OUR PLANNING PROCESS AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS. WE HAVE ALSO MADE IT OUR GOAL TO ENHANCE THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH ALL OUR MAJOR PROJECTS, INCLUDING STREAM IMPROVEMENTS, BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAILS, WATERCOURSE PROTECTION AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT.

OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS WE HAVE BEEN COORDINATING A STRATEGIC OVERVIEW OF FISHERIES RESOURCES IN BURNABY. WE ARE CONTINUING OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH STREAMKEEPERS ORGANIZATIONS, AND WE ARE CONSTANTLY STRIVING TO IMPROVE HABITAT FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE.

WE ARE WORKING WITH SENIOR GOVERNMENTS, OUR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, THE GVRD AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE A COORDINATED APPROACH TO ALL OF OUR INITIATIVES. WE PLAN TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE BURNABY'S RECORD AS THE GREENEST CITY IN THE LOWER MAINLAND.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING IS A VERY IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF BURNABY'S OVERALL STRATEGY FOR LIVABILITY. A NUMBER OF NEW PROJECTS HAVE HELPED TO DIRECT TRAFFIC AROUND OUR CITY AND, EVEN MORE IMPORTANTLY NEW DIRECTIONS TOWARD CHANGING PEOPLES TRANSPORTATION HABITS, BY CREATING MORE OPTIONS AND MORE CHOICES.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE: THE COMPLETION OF THE MILLENNIUM SKYTRAIN LINE, THE NEW HOV LANES ON THE WILLINGDON CORRIDOR, THE NEW MARINE WAY/10TH AVENUE CONNECTOR, INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT GAGLARDI WAY AND AT EDMONDS AND KINGSWAY AND THE CONTINUATION OF OUR AGGRESSIVE PROGRAMS FOR URBAN TRAILS AND BIKE WAYS.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO MEETING THE GOALS OF THE LIVABLE REGION STRATEGY THROUGH INNOVATIVE PLANNING AND THROUGH THE USE OF TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES. WE WANT TO CREATE A COMMUNITY THAT DOES NOT RELY SOLELY ON THE SINGLE OCCUPANT VEHICLE, WHERE PEOPLE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK AND PLAY CLOSER TO THEIR HOMES. WE ARE ALSO COMMITTED TO PREVENTING THE COMMUTER TRAFFIC FROM DESTROYING THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND THE SAFETY OF OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS. AS A RESULT, WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH OUR COMMUNITY TO FIND LOCAL SOLUTIONS TO TRAFFIC PROBLEMS.

HOUSING IS IMPORTANT TO ALL OUR PLANNING, PARTICULARLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR YOUNG FAMILIES, SENIORS AND THOSE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE.

THE SFU DEVELOPMENT IS CREATING NEW FORMS OF HOUSING, INCLUDING "FLEX UNITS" FOR AFFORDABLE RENTAL. WE HAVE ALSO ASSISTED IN THE FIRST HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PROJECT AND THE NEW NIKKEI PLACE SENIORS HOUSING. WE WILL CONTINUE TO LOOK AT WAYS TO OBTAIN SENIOR GOVERNMENT INTEREST AND ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING REASONABLE COST HOUSING IN OUR COMMUNITY AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO REVIEW OUR BY-LAWS TO CREATE INNOVATIVE HOUSING MEASURES IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY ARISING FROM THE NEW SKYTRAIN LINE IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE AFFORDABLE HOUSING CLOSE TO ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION.

OVER THE NEXT YEAR, THE COMMUNITY PLANNING AND HOUSING COMMITTEE WILL BE REVIEWING OUR POLICIES IN REGARD TO MULTIPLE FAMILY HOUSING IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A WIDER RANGE OF OPTIONS FOR THE CREATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO THE POTENTIAL FOR SMALLER IN-FILL SITES.

SOCIAL PLANNING IS GUIDED BY THE COMMUNITY ISSUES AND SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE, BUT DIRECTLY RELATES TO SEVERAL OTHER CITY COMMITTEES.

WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON WAYS TO ADDRESS THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN AND OUR BURNABY SAFE HOUSE HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN REMOVING SOME EXPLOITED CHILDREN FROM THE STREETS.

WE HAVE ALSO TAKEN A STRONG INTEREST IN REGARD TO THE IMPACTS OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT CORE SERVICES REVIEW AND WE ARE MONITORING IMPACTS TO OUR COMMUNITY FROM THE REDUCTION IN SERVICES TO OUR CITIZENS.

WE HAVE ALSO MADE EFFORTS TO RECOGNIZE OUR LOCAL HEROES FOR THEIR VOLUNTEER EFFORTS IN OUR COMMUNITY. THIS PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE IN 2003 TO GIVE PUBLIC CREDIT TO THOSE CITIZENS WHO STRIVE TO MAKE BURNABY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE.

OUR HERITAGE COMMISSION HAS DONE EXCELLENT WORK IN PRESERVING BURNABY'S PAST.

LAST YEAR THE BALDWIN HOUSE, DESIGNED IN 1965 BY ARTHUR ERICKSON WAS PURCHASED BY THE CITY AND WILL BE DESIGNATED AS OUR FIRST MODERN HERITAGE BUILDING. WE ALSO WERE ABLE TO OPEN THE ALAN EMMOTT CENTRE IN THE 1914 KINGSWAY SCHOOL. THE REFURBISHMENT OF THIS SCHOOL WAS DONE COOPERATIVELY BY THE CITY AND A PRIVATE DEVELOPER - CREATING A NEW COMMUNITY HALL AND A NEW FACILITY FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTRED COLLEGE FOR THE RETIRED.

OUR PLANNING DEPARTMENT WILL FACE MAJOR CHALLENGES IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW BUSINESS AND NEW RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBOURHOODS ALONG THE SKYTRAIN LINE. METROTOWN WILL CONTINUE TO GROW AND MATURE UNDER THE CAREFUL SUPERVISION OF CITY PLANNERS. THE EDMONDS TOWN CENTRE WILL BE THE FOCUS OF A GREAT DEAL OF WORK, NOW THAT THE TRANSPORTATION ISSUES HAVE BEEN RESOLVED. WE EXPECT TO SEE NEW DEVELOPMENT AND WE ARE ENCOURAGING LOCAL

BUSINESS AND THE COMMUNITY TO BECOME INVOLVED IN A BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA ON EDMONDS. SFU RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT WILL ALSO BECOME A REALITY, CREATING A VIBRANT COMMUNITY AS PART OF THE UNIVERSITY.

ENGINEERING HAS PROBABLY UNDERTAKEN THE MOST SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS OVER THE PAST YEAR AND WE ARE EXTREMELY PROUD OF THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MARINE/10TH AVENUE CONNECTOR AND THE NEW EDMONDS INTERSECTION. THESE ARE MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TRAFFIC INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE EDMONDS AREA.

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING, CRAIG SINCLAIR, HAS ALSO BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS. THE BURNABY LAKE DREDGING PROGRAM HAS COMPLETED AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT BY THE PROVINCE AND IS NOW BEING RE-SUBMITTED FOR INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING. THIS INITIATIVE HAS REQUIRED COUNTLESS STUDIES AND WILL BE THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS EVER UNDERTAKEN BY THE CITY. THE PROVINCE CONCLUDED AN INDEPENDENT STUDY BY SAYING "THE PROJECT CAN BE CONSTRUCTED AND IMPLEMENTED IN A MANNER THAT WILL PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY BY PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND FOSTERING A SOUND ECONOMY AND SOCIAL WELL BEING".

ENGINEERING HAS ALSO BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTINUING REVIEW OF OUR WATERSHEDS, OUR STORM WATER MANAGEMENT AND THE PROTECTION OF OUR WATERWAYS. TODAY'S ENGINEERING IS NOT JUST ABOUT CONSTRUCTION OF CIVIC WORKS. MODERN ENGINEERING IS ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE LONG-TERM BENEFITS OF ENGINEERING PROJECTS TO OUR COMMUNITY.

IN THE NEXT YEAR WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE AND OUR ENVIRONMENTAL HERITAGE. ENGINEERING IS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT OUR ENERGY EFFICIENCY- AND OUR NEW CONVERSION TO LED TRAFFIC LIGHTS WILL USE LESS ELECTRICITY AND REQUIRE LESS REPLACEMENT LIGHTS

LOCAL TRAFFIC WILL ALSO BENEFIT FROM THE MODERN TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED BY ENGINEERING STAFF AND WE WILL CONTINUE OUR PROGRAMS TO ENCOURAGE DRIVER SAFETY, PARTICULARLY AROUND OUR SCHOOLS AND PLAYGROUNDS

THE PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES COMMISSION OVERSEES A MAJOR PORTION OF THE CITY BUDGET, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF DIRECTOR KATE FRIARS.

WE ARE VERY LUCKY TO HAVE SOME OF THE BEST RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL FACILITIES IN THE PROVINCE AND WE ARE ALWAYS WORKING TO MAKE THEM BETTER.

WE WERE VERY PLEASED THAT 45 MORE ACRES AT 9 DIFFERENT PARKS WERE ADDED TO OUR TOTAL IN THE LAST ELECTION. EVERYONE IN BURNABY IS PROUD TO SAY THAT NEARLY ONE QUARTER OF OUR CITY IS PARK AND GREEN SPACE. THIS MAKES US A VERY SPECIAL PLACE IN THE LOWER MAINLAND.

OVER THE PAST YEAR, THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT HAS MADE NUMEROUS IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR LOCAL PARKS, PLAYING FIELDS AND FACILITIES. WE CONTINUE TO DEVELOP PLAYGROUNDS IN EACH COMMUNITY AND WE HAVE AN UNPARALLELED RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR SCHOOL BOARD IN THE JOINT FUNDING AND UTILIZATION OF FACILITIES, FROM SCHOOL GYMS AND FIELDS, THROUGH TO OUR PARKS AND CULTURAL FACILITIES.

WE CONTINUE TO HOLD MAJOR EVENTS, INCLUDING THE VANCOUVER SYMPHONY AT DEER LAKE PARK, THE BURNABY BLUES FESTIVAL, THE NIGHT OF 2002 LIGHTS, DISCOVERY DAY, CANADA DAY AND CHRISTMAS AT BURNABY VILLAGE MUSEUM AND MANY, MANY OTHERS.

OUR PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT IS ALL ABOUT BRINGING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER, FOR SPORTS, FOR ARTS, FOR NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT AND FOR COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS.

THERE ARE MANY NEW PROJECTS THAT WILL BE UNDERTAKEN OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS, BUT WE ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE PLANS FOR A NEW CLUBHOUSE AT RIVERWAY GOLF COURSE AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO ADDITIONAL FIELDS AT THE BURNABY LAKE SPORTS COMPLEX WEST.

BURNABY IS BECOMING KNOWN AS THE TOURNAMENT CENTRE FOR THE LOWER MAINLAND AND WE RECOGNIZE THE POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAT ARISES FROM THE QUALITY OF OUR FACILITIES, THE BEAUTY OF OUR CITY AND THE FRIENDLINESS OF OUR CITIZENS.

NOT ONLY ARE OUR FACILITIES AND OUR PARKS THE ENVY OF EVERYONE AROUND US, THEY HAVE BECOME A CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE, WITH MORE AND MORE BURNABY ATHLETES AND ARTISTS ACHIEVING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION.



OUR LIBRARY BOARD HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED WITH THE ELECTION OF BOTH THE CHAIRMAN AND THE CEO TO IMPORTANT NATIONAL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS.

IN OCTOBER WE CELEBRATED THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW MCGILL LIBRARY WITH THE PLEASANT NEWS THAT CIRCULATION IS UP OVER 37% FROM LEVELS IN THE OLD BRANCH. IT IS AN OBVIOUS SUCCESS IN THE COMMUNITY IT SERVES AND OUR CITIZENS ARE USING THE NEW LIBRARY AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY. SUNDAY SERVICE HAS ALSO BEEN A WELCOME ADDITION.

OVER 6,600 CHILDREN REGISTERED FOR THE 2002 SUMMER READING PROGRAM, AN INCREASE OF 8% OVER LAST YEAR. OUR LIBRARY BOARD KNOWS THAT GOOD READING HABITS START EARLY AND THOSE CHILDREN WILL ALWAYS SEE THE LIBRARY AS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THEIR LIFE. OVER 800 CHILDREN WERE PRESENT AT THE MEDAL AWARD CEREMONY AT THE METROTOWN BRANCH.

OVER THE NEXT YEAR, IT IS MY SINCERE HOPE THAT BOTH THE EDMONDS COMMUNITY AND THE LIBRARY BOARD SEE THE REPLACEMENT OF THE MIDDLEGATE LIBRARY AS A HIGH PRIORITY. THE ADDITION OF A NEW LIBRARY FACILITY CAN BE A REAL CATALYST FOR THE REJUVENATION OF THE EDMONDS-MIDDLEGATE AREA AND WILL CREATE INCREASED PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC, WITH BENEFITS TO LOCAL BUSINESS AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD ON A WHOLE.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD AND CHIEF LIBRARIAN PAUL WHITNEY FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION. IT'S NO WONDER BURNABY IS ALWAYS AT THE TOP IN LIBRARY READERSHIP.

OUR PROTECTIVE SERVICES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AN IMPORTANT PART OF BURNABY'S OBLIGATION TO ITS CITIZENS.

OUR RCMP DETACHMENT IS GOING THROUGH MANY CHANGES, PARTICULARLY IN THE LAST YEAR. SUPERINTENDENT RON DICKS RETIRED AND HE HAS BEEN REPLACED BY SUPERINTENDENT CARL SCHMIETENKNOP. FORTUNATELY SUPERINTENDENT SCHMIETENKNOP HAS BEEN WITH BURNABY AND OTHER CITIES FOR MOST OF HIS CAREER, SO HE BRINGS A WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE TO HIS NEW POSITION.

COMMUNITY POLICING CONTINUES TO BE VERY SUCCESSFUL. THE RCMP STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE IS "SAFE HOMES, SAFE COMMUNITIES" AND THEY SEEM TO BE DOING THEIR JOB VERY WELL, AS CRIME RATES CONTINUE TO TREND DOWNWARDS.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST IS THE SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN ALCOHOL-RELATED MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS WITH A 29% REDUCTION FROM 1998. WE CONTINUE TO WORK ON THE AREA OF THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLES WHICH HAVE BEEN VERY RESISTANT TO OUR EFFORTS. THESE AREAS REMAIN A PRIORITY.

THE RCMP ARE HAVING REAL CHALLENGES IN MANAGING THEIR WORK FORCE WITH THE CLOSURE OF THE COURT HOUSE, THE ELIMINATION OF PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES FOR PRISONERS AND THE NEW DISCUSSIONS ON REGIONALIZATION OF SOME RCMP SERVICES. WE WILL WORK TOGETHER ON THESE ISSUES.

WE ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE RCMP ON PLANS TO RENOVATE THE EXISTING JUSTICE BUILDING FACILITIES. AS WE GET A FIRMER VIEW OF THE REQUIREMENTS, COUNCIL WILL BE ABLE TO BUDGET FOR THE EXTENSIVE RETROFIT THAT WILL ALLOW OUR DETACHMENT TO FUNCTION EVEN MORE EFFICIENTLY. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE OFFICERS AND THE CIVILIAN STAFF THAT ENSURE BURNABY GETS THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF POLICING.

OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT, WITH CHIEF JOHN STEWART, WITH OUR WELL-TRAINED, HIGHLY MOTIVATED FIREFIGHTERS PROVIDE BURNABY WITH THE BEST FIRE PROTECTION POSSIBLE. LAST YEAR, WE COMPLETED A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF FIRE DEPARTMENT FUTURE NEEDS AND WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTING THAT STUDY.

COUNCIL HAS AUTHORIZED THE REPLACEMENT OF FIRE HALL NO. 2 ON EDMONDS STREET AND THE TEMPORARY FACILITY IS ALREADY OCCUPIED. WE HAVE ALSO SELECTED A SUITABLE SITE FOR THE NEW FIRE HALL NO 7 IN ORDER TO SERVICE THE BURNABY HOSPITAL/BCIT AREA.

OUR FIRE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS ARE WELL-RECOGNIZED AND OUR FIREFIGHTERS TRAINING PROGRAMS ENABLE OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT TO RESPOND TO ALMOST ANY EMERGENCY.

IN ADDITION, OUR FIREFIGHTERS CONTINUE TO PERFORM CHARITABLE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE THROUGHOUT OUR CITY INCLUDING, MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY, FIRE FIGHTERS BURN CAMP. TERRY FOX RUN, THE 24 HOUR RELAY, AND CONTRIBUTE TO OVER 60 WORTHWHILE CHARITIES. OUR DEDICATED FIREFIGHTERS WORK VERY HARD TO PREVENT FIRES, EDUCATE OUR CHILDREN, RESPOND TO EMERGENCIES, AND PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THEIR COMMUNITY.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK CITY MANAGER BOB MONCUR AND DEPUTY CITY MANAGER CHAD TURPIN FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP. THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE ABILITIES, THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE CITY AND THEIR COOPERATION WITH COUNCIL MAKE BURNABY AS BETTER PLACE. WITH THE DEPARTURE OF GEORGE HARVIE, TO MANAGE THE CITY OF DELTA, THEY HAVE ACCEPTED EVEN MORE RESPONSIBILITIES AND WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THEIR ADVICE AND COUNSEL. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK CITY CLERK DEBBIE COMIS AND DEPUTY CLERK MARYANN MANUEL AND ALL THEIR STAFF FOR THE CAREFUL PREPARATION OF THIS MEETING THEIR ONGOING EFFORTS TO SERVE COUNCIL AND THE CITIZENS OF BURNABY. FINALLY I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE STAFF OF THE MAYOR'S OFFICE, GAIL NIELSEN AND JAYNE DINSMORE FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND HELP.

THESE NEXT THREE YEARS WILL BE AN EXCITING TIME FOR US ALL, FILLED WITH CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES. AS A CITY COUNCIL WE LISTEN, WE DISCUSS AND WE DECIDE, BUT NONE OF THIS COULD BE DONE WITHOUT THE MANY CITIZENS WHO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME TO HELP MAKE OUR DECISIONS BETTER. LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS ALL ABOUT CITIZENS AND HOW THEY CAN DIRECTLY PARTICIPATE IN MAKING THEIR COMMUNITY EVERYTHING THEY WANT IT TO BE. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH OUR CITIZENS TO BUILD AND IMPROVE OUR CITY.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, THANK YOU TO MY LONG-SUFFERING FAMILY, KATHY, SEAN, DARCY, PATRICK AND KELSEY THANK YOU FOR BEING WITH ME EVERY INCH OF THE WAY.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR VOLKOW:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO:

"THAT His Worship, Mayor Corrigan's Inaugural Address be received."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### APPOINTMENTS

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

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JORDAN:

"THAT the following appointments to regional organizations be approved for a term of one year:

***Greater Vancouver Regional District***

***Directors***

Mayor Derek Corrigan  
Councillor Doug Evans

***Alternates***

Councillor Dan Johnston  
Councillor Celeste Redman

***Greater Vancouver Regional Labour Relations Bureau***

***Director***

Councillor Doug Evans

***Alternate***

Councillor Celeste Redman"

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**REPORTS**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RANKIN:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- A)** The City Manager presented Report No. 31, 2002 December 02 on the matters listed following as Item 01 either providing the information shown or recommending the course of action indicated for the reason given:

**1. 203 - 2007 Provisional Financial Plan**

The City Manager submitted a report presenting the 2003 - 2007 Provisional Financial Plan for Council approval.

The City Manager recommended:

1. THAT the 2003 - 2007 Provisional Financial Plan be received.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REDMAN:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR VOLKOW:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JORDAN:

"THAT the Committee now rise and report."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Council reconvened.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RANKIN:  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR REDMAN:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### BYLAWS

#### **FIRST READING:**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EVANS:  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RANKIN:

"THAT

Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 40, 2002	#11462
Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 41, 2002	#11468
Bylaw Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 42, 2002	#11469
Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 43, 2002	#11470
Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 44, 2002	#11471
Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 45, 2002	#11472

Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 46, 2002	#11473
Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 47, 2002	#11474
Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 48, 2002	#11475
Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 49, 2002	#11476
Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 50, 2002	#11477
Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 51, 2002	#11478
Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 52, 2002	#11479

be now introduced and read a first time."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Councillor Evans

Councillor Evans was granted leave to provide Council with information respecting the establishment of *"The Doug Drummond Research Fellowship"*.

Councillor Evans advised that Simon Fraser University has created an endowment fund of \$50,000 to support a new research fellowship in honour of Doug Drummond's accomplishments as Mayor of Burnaby and his work in fostering relations with the university. *"The Doug Drummond Research Fellowship"* will be awarded annually to an SFU graduate student pursuing research on a subject related to the City of Burnaby.

Although the value of the annual fellowship may vary, it is estimated that it could yield about \$3,000 per year based on the endowment's anticipated earned income. However, it is hoped that additional donations to the fund will be received so that the endowment itself will grow. Contributions to the SFU *"Doug Drummond Research Fellowship"* can be made by contacting Gail in SFU's advancement office at 604-291-5315.

I wanted to take this opportunity to acknowledge the tribute SFU has made in establishing the *"Doug Drummond Research Fellowship"* and say thank you for doing so. Thank you.

**Councillor Volkow**

Councillor Volkow advised those present that former Premier Mike Harcourt had suffered a serious fall over the weekend and is now in Vancouver Hospital in serious condition.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR VOLKOW:  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR EVANS:

"THAT His Worship, Mayor D.R. Corrigan send a letter of encouragement to former Premier Mike Harcourt."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Mayor Corrigan**

Mayor Corrigan reminded those present that with the Christmas season upon us the food bank, Christmas Bureau and other Christmas charities are in need of our support. Mayor Corrigan noted that individuals can make a difference and that Council will also need the help of Burnaby citizens to make Burnaby the best it can be.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Mayor Corrigan conveyed his appreciation:

- . to Judge Joanne Challenger for conducting the Swearing-In Ceremony;
- . to Reverend Abiel Khalema and Giani Bakshish Singh Khalsa for offering the blessings this evening;
- . to Constable Kristen Postle and Constable Stewart Philp from the RCMP Burnaby Detachment for "standing guard";
- . to our Piper who is a member of the world-renowned Simon Fraser University Pipe Band;
- . to everyone present for attending the 2002 Burnaby City Council Inaugural Meeting.

Mayor Corrigan extended an invitation to everyone to stay and enjoy the reception following the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO:  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL:

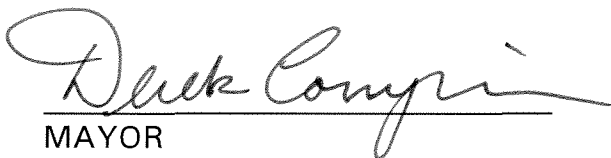
"THAT this Inaugural Council Meeting do now adjourn."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Confirmed:

Certified Correct:

  
MAYOR

  
for: CITY CLERK