

2005 JANUARY 10

An 'Open' meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Monday, 2005 January 10 at 6:30 p.m. followed immediately by a 'Closed' meeting from which the public was excluded. At the conclusion of the 'Closed' meeting, the 'Open' meeting was reconvened at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

PRESENT: His Worship, Mayor D.R. Corrigan In the Chair
Councillor P. Calendino
Councillor S. Dhaliwal
Councillor D.G. Evans
Councillor D. Johnston
Councillor C. Jordan
Councillor L.A. Rankin
Councillor C.M.H. Redman
Councillor N.M. Volkow *(arrived at 9:15 p.m.)*

STAFF: Mr. R.H. Moncur, 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
Ms. A.R. Skipsey, Deputy City Clerk

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO:

"THAT the 'Open' Council meeting do now reconvene."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The 'Open' Council meeting reconvened in the Council Chamber at 7:00 p.m. with Councillor Volkow absent.

P R E S E N T A T I O N

*Certificates of Appreciation
Community Assistance to the RCMP
Presentation by: His Worship, Mayor Derek Corrigan*

***Certificate Recipients: Crpl. Martin Blais
Const. Douglas Wilson
Const. Daniel Savage
Const. Mark Futter
Sandra Jaser
Eyas Jaser
Janes Knowles
Debbie Zurowski***

His Worship Mayor D.R. Corrigan recognized the following persons for their contributions to Community Policing, particularly in District 3 or the Edmonds area of Burnaby:

Constable Doug Wilson was unable to be in attendance at the Council meeting as he was reassigned last Friday to the Tsunami Missing Persons Task Force. Constable Wilson was to receive the Certificate of Appreciation for the countless hours spent developing strategies to help deal with the sex trade / drug issues affecting the safety of the people residing in District 3.

Constable Mark Futter was recognized for his tremendous effort over the past year in combatting / eliminating the drug trade which is fuelling property crime in District 3.

Constable Dan Savage was presented with the Certificate of Appreciation for his work targeting property crime individuals that were affecting both residential and business neighbourhoods in District 3.

Eyas Jaser, Sandra Jaser, Jane Knowles and Debbie Zurowski were recognized for their outstanding contribution in assisting both the RCMP and the community by monitoring criminal activities in each of their respective areas and helping on a daily basis with the identification detection and apprehension of criminals. These citizens have also mobilized community effort towards cleaning up each of their neighbourhoods.

Corporal Marty Blais has worked for the last three years to bring the Edmonds community together and was recognized for his outstanding job in proactive policing.

His Worship, Mayor D.R. Corrigan read a memo distributed to Council proposing a contribution from the City of Burnaby in the amount of \$10,000. The donation would be made through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to assist with the rebuilding of South Asian communities after the devastating tsunami on 2004 December 26.

In addition, the Mayor requested Council consider Burnaby's involvement through a partnership in the program to rebuild damaged and destroyed communities.

1. **MINUTES**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EVANS:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL:

"THAT the minutes of the 'Open' Council meeting held on 2004 December 13 be now adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JORDAN:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:

"THAT the minutes of the Public Hearing (Zoning) held on 2004 December 14 be now adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. **DELEGATIONS**

- A) Nasrin Jafargholizadeh and Abbas Adibi
Hafez Tea House, 2004 December 20
Re: Changing of Business Licence to a
Traditional Tea House
Speaker: Samanea Adibi
- B) President, British Columbia Professional
Fire Fighters' Association, 2004 December 23
Re: Discussion Paper regarding Fire Fighter Cancers
Speaker: Tim Bailey, Vice President, Professional
Fire Fighters' Association

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO:

"THAT the delegations be heard."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- A) **Samanea Adibi**, appeared before Council on behalf of her parents, the owners of Hafez Tea House, located at 6775 E. Hastings Street, Burnaby.

Ms. Adibi advised it is the intent of her parents to create an authentic tea house similar to those found in the Middle East.

The speaker advised that problems have arisen as an authentic middle eastern coffee house includes smoking a hookah, however, the Fraser Health Authority and City bylaws require a separate smoking room be provided. Ms. Adibi suggested a smoking room is not necessary as everyone who comes to the tea house smokes the hookah and that the construction of a separate smoking room would create financial hardship for the owners.

The delegate explained the difference between smoking a cigarette and smoking the hookah. The hookah utilises a combination of dried fruit, molasses and fresh tobacco leaves which creates a smokeless form of smoking where the fresh tobacco doesn't burn and a vapour or steam is created, not smoke.

In conclusion, Ms. Adibi requested Council allow the entire tea room to be a smoking room and not permit non smokers to attend or advise them they would be entering at their own risk. The speaker presented Council with a petition with more than 100 signatures in support of the continued operation of the Traditional Hafez Tea House.

Arising from consideration of the delegation's presentation, the following motion was introduced by Council:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REDMAN:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JORDAN:

"THAT staff examine City Bylaws and WCB regulations to determine the issues and impact of hookah smoking versus cigarette smoking and to enquire how these issues are handled in other Lower Mainland jurisdictions."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Rankin retired from the Council Chamber at 7:35 p.m.

B) Mr. Al Leier, President, and **Mr. Tim Bailey**, Vice President, British Columbia Professional Fire Fighters' Association (BCPFFA) appeared before Council to discuss the issue of cancer as an occupational disease of fire fighting.

Councillor Rankin returned to the Council Chamber at 7:39 p.m. and took his place at the Council table.

Mr. Leier expressed appreciation to Council for their support for the fire fighters' long standing campaign to have presumptive cancer legislation for professional fire fighters enacted in British Columbia. The speaker provided a brief history of the studies completed on this issue and copies of some of the research were provided for the information of Council. Mr. Tim Bailey reviewed details of a discussion paper which is currently being distributed and discussed amongst stakeholders. He also provided an update on the progress and overview of legislation implementation regarding cancer presumptions in each Province.

Mr. Bailey noted the main area of contention by the BCPFFA is that the primary concern is not cancer itself but the workplaces which are causing cancer. The speaker advised that a report from Cancer Care Ontario, commissioned by the WCB in B.C., does not address an environment of changing combustible products and the personal safety equipment used by fire fighters as primary factors in the creation of unsafe work environments. An analysis of the discussion paper concludes there has been insufficient study of the workplace environment as it affects fire fighters.

Mr. Bailey concluded by requesting Council continue to support the fire fighters in their fight to have the WCB recognize specific cancer presumptions for fire fighters in British Columbia and enact legislation accordingly.

3. CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EVANS:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:

"THAT all of the following listed items of correspondence be received and those items of the City Manager's Report dated 2005 January 10 which pertain thereto be brought forward for consideration at this time."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

His Worship, Mayor Derek R. Corrigan read the following items of correspondence:

- A) Mayor M.G. Rothenburger, City of Kamloops
to Prime Minister P. Martin, 2004 November 12
Re: Heroes of Confederation Project

A letter was received from Mayor Mel Rothenburger, City of Kamloops providing Council with a copy of their resolution in support of the "Heroes of Confederation" project and requesting Council lobby local MPs, MLAs, the Premier and the Prime Minister to enact legislation to officially recognize the contributions of the early Chinese Railway Labourers.

- B) General President, CUPE Local 23
2004 December 15
Re: 2005 United Way Loaned Representative Program

A letter was received from Burnaby Civic Employees' Union President, Bill Pegler, inviting the City to once again participate in the United Way Labour Loaned Representative program by granting a paid leave for a skilled labour representative from 2005 August 29 through December 11.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REDMAN:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR EVANS:

"THAT Council support the request by the Burnaby Civic Employees' Union to participate in the Labour Loaned Representative Programme by granting a paid leave for a skilled labour representative from 2005 August 29 through December 11."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- C) President, Native Brotherhood of BC
Vice President, UFAWU-DAW
2004 December 21
Re: Privatization of Salmon and other Fisheries in
B.C. through Individual Transferable Quotas (ITQs)

A letter was received from the President of the Native Brotherhood of BC and the Vice-President, UFAWU-CAW requesting Council adopt a resolution supporting the opportunity for public input into the introduction of Individual Transferable Quotas in salmon and other Canadian fisheries.

- D) Federation of Canadian Municipalities
2004 November 26
Re: Invoice-Membership for 2005-2006

An invoice was received from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for the City of Burnaby's 2005-2006 membership dues.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR EVANS:

"THAT Council approve payment of 2005-2006 Federation of Canadian Municipalities membership dues."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Arising from Correspondence Item (A) from Mayor Rothenburger, City of Kamloops, Councillor Dhaliwal introduced the following motion:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR EVANS:

"THAT Burnaby Council support the resolution submitted by the City of Kamloops requesting the Federal Government enact legislation to officially recognize the contributions of the early Chinese Railway Labourers toward building the Canadian Pacific Railway in British Columbia."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **REPORTS**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EVANS:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JORDAN:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A) **Housing Committee**

**Re: Request for Area Rezoning
to the R5 District - North Side
of 7200 - 7400 blks of First Street
8206 Wedgewood Street, 8214 Nineteenth Avenue
8215 Eighteenth Avenue, 8216 Seventeenth Avenue
7520 First Street**

The Housing Committee submitted a report requesting Council's approval to initiate a consultation process to explore the desirability of an area rezoning to the R5 Residential District. The proposed minor zoning boundary adjustment meets the policy guidelines for such rezonings. The public consultation process would involve a survey of the residents and owners of the subject area to determine if a rezoning process should be initiated. The results of the process would be presented to the Housing Committee and Council.

The Housing Committee recommended:

1. THAT Council authorize initiation of a consultation process to explore the desirability of a minor zoning boundary adjustment on the north side of the 7200 - 7400 blocks of First Street, 8206 Wedgewood Street, 8214 Nineteenth Avenue, 8215 Eighteenth Avenue, 8216 Seventeenth Avenue and 7520 First Street to the R5 Residential District zoning category.
2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Ms. Sharon Elia, 52 Mt. Proctor Avenue, Fernie, BC, V0B 1M3.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REDMAN:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL:

"THAT the recommendations of the Housing Committee be adopted."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**AA) His Worship, Mayor Derek R. Corrigan
Re: Appointment of Council Members to
Various Boards, Committees and
Commissions of Council - 2005**

His Worship, Mayor D.R. Corrigan submitted a report requesting Council approval for the appointment of Council members to various Boards, Committees and Commissions, regional organizations as well as liaisons to City departments.

His Worship, Mayor D.R. Corrigan recommended:

1. THAT Council approve the appointments to various Boards, Committees and Commissions, regionally and locally as set out in this report for a term of one year.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JORDAN:

“THAT the recommendation of His Worship, Mayor D.R. Corrigan be adopted.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**AAA) His Worship, Mayor Derek R. Corrigan
Re: Appointments and Reappointments to
Boards, Committees and Commissions
of Council - 2005**

His Worship, Mayor D.R. Corrigan submitted a report requesting Council approval to appoint and reappoint representatives to various Boards, Commissions and Committees of Council.

His Worship, Mayor D.R. Corrigan recommended:

1. THAT Council appoint and reappoint representatives to various Boards, Commissions and Committees of Council, as set out in this report for the terms specified.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO:

“THAT the recommendation of His Worship, Mayor D.R. Corrigan be adopted.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B) The City Manager presented Report dated 2005 January 10 on the matters listed following as Items 01 to 05 either providing the information shown or recommending the courses of action indicated for the reasons given:

**1. Liquor Licence Application #04-44
Gateway Casino - 4320 Dominion Street
Proposed Extension of Operating Hours
and Increase in Capacity**

The City Manager submitted a report from the Director Planning and Building providing Council with a recommendation on a requested extension of operating hours and increase in capacity for an existing liquor licence at 4320 Dominion Street.

The City Manager recommended:

1. THAT Council recommend to the Liquor Control and Licencing Branch an amendment of the subject liquor licence to permit an extension of hours of liquor sale for the liquor primary licence in the existing Gateway Casino to 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., 7 days per week and an increase in capacity to 1525, based on its consideration of the factors of potential for noise, impact on the community and the results of the public input process as outlined in Sections 2.4 and 2.5 of this report.
2. THAT a copy of this report and Council's resolution be sent to the applicant, Mr. Bert Hick, Rising Tide Consultant Ltd., 740 - 1070 Douglas Street, Victoria, B.C. V8 2CA and to the General Manager, Liquor Control and Licensing Branch, P.O. Box 9292, Stn. Provincial Government, Victoria, B.C. V8 9J8.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JORDAN:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2. Rezoning Reference #04-29C
229 Hythe Avenue North (Capitol Hill Reservoir Park)**

The City Manager submitted a report from the Director Planning and Building providing Council with a response to issues raised at the Public Hearing for Rezoning Reference #04-29c. Concerns included the inappropriate use of the park after hours.

The City Manager recommended:

1. THAT Council approve the proposed CPTED measures, as outlined in Section 3.0 of this report.
2. THAT Council authorize the resubmission of Second Reading of the Bylaw for Rezoning Reference #04-29c on the understanding that Third Reading and Final Reading of the Bylaw would not be advanced until the completion and assessment of the 2005 August monitoring period.
3. THAT a copy of this report be sent to the area residents that raised issues at the Public Hearing for Rezoning Reference #04-29c at 229 Hythe Avenue North or attended the public consultation meeting on 2004 December 15.
4. THAT a copy of this report be sent to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR EVANS:

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

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO:

"THAT Recommendation No. 2 be **AMENDED** to read as follows:

2. THAT Council direct that Second Reading of the Bylaw for Rezoning Reference #04-29c be put on the Council agenda of 2005 January 17 at which time Council would consider a motion to lift this item from the table."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A vote was then taken on the motion as moved by Councillor Johnston and seconded by Councillor Evans being 'THAT the recommendations of the City Manager be adopted' as AMENDED and same was CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **Rezoning Reference #04-44**
6515 Bonsor Avenue (see attached Sketch #1)
Outside Patio for Firefighters' Social and Athletic Club

The City Manager submitted a report from the Director Planning and Building providing Council with a recommendation on the subject rezoning.

The City Manager recommended:

1. THAT Council reject the subject rezoning request.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REDMAN:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR EVANS:

"THAT this report be **TABLED** until 2005 January 17 meeting of Council."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. 5740 Hastings Street, Burnaby, B.C.
Lot 52, DL 205, Plan 25396**

The City Manager submitted a report from the Director Planning and Building requesting Council direct the City Clerk to file a Notice in the Land Title Office, pursuant to Section 57 of the Community Charter, with respect to a property observed to be in contravention of City bylaws.

The City Manager recommended:

1. THAT Council direct the City Clerk to file a Notice in the Land Title Office stating that:
 - a) A resolution relating to the land at 5740 Hastings, Burnaby, B.C. Lot 52, DL 205, Plan 25396 has been made under Section 57 of the Community Charter, and
 - b) Further information respecting the resolution may be inspected at the offices of the City Clerk, City of Burnaby.
2. THAT the owners of the subject property - (as listed in the attached Appendix "A") - be notified as required under Section 57(2) of the Community Charter.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Election Day Pay Rates 2005

The City Manager submitted a report from the Chief Election Officer requesting Council approval to establish the election day pay rates for the 2005 Local Government Election.

The City Manager recommended:

1. THAT the 2005 Election Day pay rates as presented in the attached Schedule "A" be approved.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EVANS:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:

"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 JORDAN:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. BYLAWS

FIRST READING

#11865 5650 Lougheed Highway REZ #03-38

#11866 7815 and ptn of 7765 N. Fraser Way REZ #03-27

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALI WAL:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR EVANS:

"THAT

Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment #11865
Bylaw No. 1, 2005

Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment #11866
Bylaw No. 2, 2005

be now introduced and read a first time."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READING:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALI WAL:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR EVANS:

"THAT

Burnaby Capital Works, Machinery and Equipment #11867
Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 1, 2005

be now introduced and read three times."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SECOND READING:

#11853	7353 Royal Oak Avenue	REZ #04-16
#11854	Ptn. of 2779 Lake City Way (Unite #3)	REZ #04-60
#11856	Ptn. of 4867 Sperling Avenue, Ptn. of 4949 Sperling Avenue and Ptn. of 5030 Canada Way	REZ #04-66
#11857	4321 Still Creek Drive	REZ #04-63
#11858	Ptn. of 1200 Gaglardi Way	REZ #04-61

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR EVANS:

"THAT

Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 79, 2004	#11853
Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 80, 2004	#11854
Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 82, 2004	#11856
Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 83, 2004	#11857
Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 84, 2004	#11858

be now read a second time."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SECOND & THIRD READING, RECONSIDERATION AND FINAL ADOPTION:

#11855 Ptn. of 2040 Alpha Avenue REZ #04-67

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:

"THAT

Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 81, 2004	# 11855
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be now read a second and third time, reconsidered and finally adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSIDERATION AND THIRD READING:

#11761 5261 Victory Street REZ #04-04

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR EVANS:

"THAT

Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment
Bylaw No. 43, 2004

#11761

be now read a third time."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECONSIDERATION AND FINAL ADOPTION:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:

"THAT

Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment
Bylaw No. 28, 2004

#11723

Burnaby Capital Works, Machinery and Equipment
Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw No. 29, 2004

#11864

be now reconsidered and Finally Adopted, signed by the Mayor and Clerk and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Johnston

Councillor Johnston praised City water crews for their quick response in repairing a water main break in the Edmonds area. He noted the problem occurred between 11:30 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. during a snowstorm.

Councillor Evans

Councillor Evans referred to Council Correspondence Package Item (U) from Bill Barisoff, Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection acknowledging Council's request for support for the Burnaby Lake Rejuvenation Project, however, he advised they are unable to provide any funding at this time. His Worship Mayor D.R. Corrigan responded that Council would still persevere with this matter.

Councillor Dhaliwal

Councillor Dhaliwal referred to Council Correspondence Package Item (E) from the City of Vancouver regarding their Ethical and Sustainable Purchasing Policy and was granted leave by Council to introduce the following motion:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO:

“THAT staff report on implementation of Phase II of the City of Vancouver’s Ethical & Sustainable Purchasing Policy.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR EVANS:

“THAT Council members be authorized to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference in St. John’s Newfoundland from 2005 June 03 to 06 and the Union of B.C. Municipalities Convention in Vancouver, B.C. from 2005 September 26 to 30.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Jordan

Councillor Jordan referred to the memo distributed to Council from His Worship, Mayor D.R. Corrigan regarding tsunami relief efforts and the proposed role the City of Burnaby might take in providing assistance. Arising from consideration of the matter, Councillor Jordan was granted leave by Council to introduce the following motion:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JORDAN:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO:

“THAT Council approve His Worship, Mayor D.R. Corrigan’s proposal for supporting the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ (FCM) tsunami relief efforts through the donation of a grant in the amount of \$10,000 to the FCM South Asia Relief Fund and through entering into a partnership with the FCM to assist in rebuilding damaged and destroyed communities.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Rankin

Councillor Rankin also raised the issue of the recent tsunami in South Asia and its impact and was granted leave by Council to introduce the following motion:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RANKIN:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR REDMAN:

"THAT the City of Burnaby consider the advisability and feasibility of *'adopting a community'* in the afflicted region complete with the goal of providing some practical, suitable long term assistance to an appropriate community afflicted by the Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Rankin raised the issue of the significant increases in the 2005 assessed values of homes in the Lower Mainland and introduced the following:

THAT WHEREAS many Burnaby residents have experienced significant increases in the 2005 assessed value of their homes; and

WHEREAS City and Regional tax levies are predicated on the assessed value of property; and

WHEREAS significant increases in property assessments may trigger larger than average increases in City and Regional tax assessments; and

WHEREAS significant market driven increases to property assessments do not necessarily reflect the ability of homeowners to pay increased taxes relating to the assessment increases; and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has announced changes to the Homeowner Grant Program whereby the threshold for unreduced Homeowner Grants would rise from \$585,000 to \$685,000, allowing some 21,000 property owners in B.C. to receive full Homeowner Grants in 2005; and

WHEREAS the announced changes would mean the grant phase out rate will be cut by 50 percent to \$5 per \$1,000 of assessed value above the threshold;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Burnaby City Council request that the Director of Finance prepare a report indicating:

- A) The number of Burnaby homeowners who will continue to receive the full Homeowner Grant as a result of this change to Provincial policy; and
- B) The number of Burnaby homeowners who will continue to receive partial Homeowner Grants as a result of the change to the phase out rate of the Homeowners' Grant.

Arising from consideration of the matter, Councillor Rankin was granted leave by Council to introduce the following motion:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RANKIN:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO:

"THAT Burnaby City Council request the Director Finance prepare a report indicating:

- a) The number of Burnaby homeowners who will continue to receive the full Homeowner Grant as a result of this change to Provincial policy and:
- b) The number of Burnaby homeowners who will continue to receive partial Homeowner Grants as a result of the change to the phase out rate of the Homeowners' Grant."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Redman

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR REDMAN:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR RANKIN:

"THAT the meeting of the Transportation Committee to be held Wednesday, 2005 January 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers be **CANCELLED**."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. INQUIRIES

Councillor Rankin

Councillor Rankin made reference to the Council Correspondence Package Item (B) regarding a sidewalk petition and traffic hazards for wheelchair confined persons on Edmonds Street (to Mayfield Street) and their question as to how long this program will take to implement.

Mr. W. Sinclair, Director Engineering advised that Local Area Service Program is done on a first come first serve basis, therefore, this could take one to two years to complete. Councillor Rankin inquired as to what the interim solution could be. The Director Engineering advised that staff could look at the travel pattern of the correspondent and determine what type of adjustments could be made to assist her.

Councillor Rankin referred to Council Correspondence Package Item (L) from Darren Bodner regarding the condition of Riverway Golf Course and requested that Council be provided with information on any actions taken by the Parks, Recreation and Culture Services Commission in response to the writer's concerns.

Councillor Rankin also inquired as to whether a report was forthcoming on changes to the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) as referred to in correspondence from Smart Growth B.C., Council Correspondence Package Item (O). Mr. Jack Belhouse, Director Planning and Building responded that these concerns would be considered at the regional level with the review of the Greater Vancouver Regional District's Livable Region Strategic Plan which includes addressing farmland issues.

Mayor D.R. Corrigan inquired as to whether anecdotal stories are true regarding multiple applications to exclude land from the ALR throughout the GVRD. It was concluded that the Environment Committee will also be reviewing this matter and providing updates to Council.

Councillor Volkow entered the Council Chamber at 9:15 p.m. and took his place at the Council table.

Councillor Rankin referred to Council Correspondence Package Item (W) from Comox-Strathcona Regional District regarding a decrease in funding by the Federal Government for the Salmon Enhancement Program and other salmon related programs and was granted leave by Council to introduce the following motion:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR RANKIN:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:

"THAT this item of correspondence be **REFERRED** to the Environment Committee."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Acting Mayor Volkow

Earlier in the evening, Councillor Volkow as the Acting Mayor attended an event at the Vietnamese Buddhist Congregation of Canada for the presentation of a donation to the Red Cross in the amount of \$500,000 for tsunami relief. Councillor Volkow noted that as well, the Edmonton Vietnamese Buddhist Community donated \$150,000 to Red Cross.

Councillor Redman

Councillor Redman inquired as to whether fire crackers are sold anywhere legally in the Greater Vancouver Regional District. Councillor Calendino requested staff include information about the differences between fire works and fire crackers.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JORDAN:
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR EVANS:

"THAT this 'Open' Council Meeting do now adjourn."


CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The 'Open' Council Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Confirmed:

Certified Correct:


MAYOR


DEPUTY CITY CLERK