2008 DECEMBER 10

An Inaugural meeting of the City Council was held in the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts, 6450 Deer Lake Avenue, Burnaby, B.C. on Monday, 2008 December 10 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: His Worship, Mayor D.R. Corrigan In the Chair

Councillor P. Calendino
Councillor R. Chang
Councillor S. Dhaliwal
Councillor D. Johnston
Councillor C. Jordan
Councillor A. Kang
Councillor P. McDonell
Councillor N.M. Volkow

STAFF:

Mr. R.H. Moncur, City Manager

Mr. C.A. Turpin, Deputy City Manager

Mr. L. Chu, Director Engineering Mr. R. Earle, Director Finance

Mr. D. Ellenwood, Director Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services

Mr. B. Luksun, Director Planning & Building

Ms. A. Skipsey, Deputy City Clerk

Ms. A. Lorentsen, Administrative Officer Operations

Mr. B. Cook, Fire Chief

Mr. R. Taylor, Officer in Charge, RCMP

His Worship, Mayor-Elect Derek R. Corrigan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

THE BLESSING

Reverend Colin Kang, Tai Kong United Church gave the blessing.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

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

INTRODUCTIONS

His Worship Mayor Derek R. Corrigan introduced visiting dignitaries and special guests:

Zeliang (Charles) Wang, Vice Consul, Consulate General of China in Vancouver

Matthew Chou, Director, General of Taipei Economic & Cultural Office accompanied by his wife

Jeffrey Kau, Deputy Director, General of Taipei Economic & Cultural Office

Freeman George McLean

His Worship Mayor Derek R. Corrigan acknowledged the Piper, Erin Warkman, of the SFU Pipe Band

R.C.M.P. Members standing guard: Sergeant Andy LeClair and Constable Kuljinder Sidhu.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

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

I am very pleased to deliver this Inaugural Address on behalf of our newly elected Council. This past election Burnaby's citizens provided us with their overwhelming support. I intend to ensure that we will continue to earn the trust of our community by keeping the best interests of this community always in mind when we make decisions. Tonight, I would like to both reflect on the past year and look ahead to the exciting opportunities and challenges that await the City of Burnaby in 2009 and beyond.

I'd like to take just a moment here to comment on the changes that we see on Council as a reflection of the changing demographics of our City. I am, of course, very proud that our first two Councillors of Chinese ethnic background were elected to Burnaby Council. It is also important to note that 5 of our 8 Councillors are immigrants to Canada, illustrating the success and integration of new Canadians as part of our political and social fabric. Our Councillors also represent four different decades, 30's, 40's, 50's and 60's. They bring the wisdom of experience and the exuberance of youth to our deliberations. I truly look forward to working with them all and I know they will leave their individual marks on our community over the next three years.

Through more than a century of history, Burnaby's citizens have always embraced the future with determination and the belief that the years ahead will bring a better life

with more opportunities and prosperity. I believe that we, as a community, can continue to draw on this tradition of optimism to face the many challenges ahead of us.

Our citizens depend on our ability, as a Council, to manage our local government to respond to all of our community's challenges and to create a great city that works for all. This responsibility and direction is one that I know is shared by our new Council, our Commissions and Committees, and our staff. We will be working very hard to ensure that Burnaby remains strong, prosperous, progressive and inclusive.

We are fortunate to be a community that has been able to balance growth and prosperity, while being financially prepared for times of economic uncertainty. As a new Council, we have the opportunity and the ability to create a future civic path that will be bright and certain. This will be achieved through a number of new initiatives based on Burnaby's many strengths. This year will be an exciting time for our City with much to celebrate and much to accomplish.

I would like to share my vision for Burnaby's future with you. I believe that our city is destined to become one of the places in the world where sustainability is a core value. I believe that a comprehensive set of policies, that integrates the principles and values of sustainability, can guide us to create an even better community. A community that is focused on serving the needs of people and their neighbourhoods. The challenge before us is to develop integrated strategies for economic, environmental and social sustainability to inform our policies and programs throughout our city.

To me, a sustainable city means striving to create harmony and progress in the development of a civil society, a healthy environment, with a vibrant culture and economy. These aspects of our community can be viewed as separate issues that require individual attention and their own policies. But, becoming sustainable will challenge us to tackle all of these issues as a whole and build cross-policy connections to create better and more integrated solutions.

Now is the opportune time for Burnaby to reflect on its success as one of the largest but most liveable cities in British Columbia and create a path towards becoming even more sustainable. Our community has benefited from being in the centre of the evergrowing metropolis of Metro Vancouver and we have never squandered this opportunity. With an ambitious and comprehensive Official Community Plan, every new rezoning and building permit further builds on our sound development concept of a well-planned city that benefits its citizens and the region.

However, we are continually confronted with increasingly complex economic, environmental and social issues which demand that we continue to improve and do more for our citizens.

To continue the process of becoming a truly sustainable city means creating a new vision of community involvement and engagement. We must strive to build the necessary partnerships and connections with our non-profit and community groups, businesses, educational institutions and citizens. This allows us to develop a common vision in which every citizen personally holds a sense of shared responsibility for our community and a commitment to solving our collective issues together.

As a local government, we also need to articulate our community's sustainable city vision to the Provincial and Federal governments and press for more inter-governmental cooperation. Too often, senior governments and agencies have not been at the table when we need them to act on their mandated roles and funding initiatives.

Burnaby has offered cooperation to develop and protect affordable housing. Burnaby has stated its opposition to the Gateway project and the negative impact it will bring to this community's neighbourhoods and traffic plans. Burnaby has brought forward plans and partnership funding to rejuvenate Burnaby Lake as an environmental initiative. On these, and many other issues, we as a community have been resolute in our determination to ensure that our citizen's needs and our vision of sustainability is acknowledged and implemented.

In 2007, Council approved the first sustainable city initiative with the Economic Development Strategy 2020. It was produced by a diverse Steering Committee with the input of over 100 local leaders representing 23 different sectors of the local economy. It was a committee that I was privileged to Chair. The goal of this strategy is to make Burnaby the preferred location in the Lower Mainland for a broad range of economic investment.

Fundamentally, the EDS 2020 is grounded in the vision for a smart, efficient and sustainable local economy. Many of the EDS 2020 directions will require partnerships to build on past successes. This includes continuing our commitment to working with the Burnaby Board of Trade and Tourism Burnaby on initiatives to support and grow businesses and increase the number of visitors to our City.

To continue our vision to become an even more sustainable city, we need to build on the success of this initial community driven process to complete the Social and Environmental Sustainability Strategies. This will involve a comprehensive process guided by 'blue-ribbon' steering committees consisting of dedicated individuals from within our community. This will take place over the next two years. I look forward to their recommendations, which will be integrated with our economic strategy and development policies, and instituted as a revised and broader Official Community Plan.

It is my hope that, with these three inter-related sustainability strategies, we will be able to continue to move towards becoming an even more liveable and vibrant Burnaby

 a place which facilitates a healthy economy, strong respect for and stewardship of our natural environment and the establishment of high quality services and facilities to meet the needs of residents, businesses, and community organizations.

I believe that developing civic policies, such as sustainability, is not a process to create just another government report. In Burnaby, we take pride that our carefully developed and considered civic policies are crucial to shaping the future direction of this community. These are essential guideposts to achieve long range goals through considered actions every day. In Burnaby, these policies are intended to directly improve each of our neighbourhoods and enhance our citizen's lives.

I am very pleased to have been a part of the changes across our city and to report that Burnaby's progressive civic policies were in action everywhere around us in 2008. Our many initiatives have created tangible results as they continue to shape a successful city that works for its people.

Burnaby continues to attract many new businesses and employment opportunities in the office, industrial and commercial/retail sectors. We have the highest concentration of office development outside of the Vancouver Central Business District with many offices clustered around our four town centres, all of which are linked by SkyTrain.

Our record breaking building permit values continued in 2008, reflecting the growth of our successful town centres. A range of residential and commercial developments, from the very large, complex, mixed-use projects to smaller home renovations, have been accommodated.

The total construction value for permits issued up to the end of November 2008 is \$773 million and that is an all time record. This is compared with \$573 million for 2007. The total construction value for new multi-family developments is \$236 million. The total value of multi-family renovation is also up-from \$18.9 million to \$27 million. The construction value of new commercial buildings is up from \$117 million last year to \$295 million this year and the total construction value of new industrial buildings is up from \$31 million to \$100 million.

These record permit value numbers demonstrate that Burnaby has been very successful in capturing its share of Metro Vancouver's development. All market indications suggest that development levels for 2009 will not be as strong as in previous years. However, we believe that Burnaby will continue to retain its significant share of any new development because of our strong central location and our exceptional transit service. In addition, our comprehensive and consistent planning initiatives have provided the development community with the confidence to proceed with substantial investments.

The development of Metrotown continues to mature, as one of the primary city centres in Metro Vancouver. Burnaby's regional town centre is a magnet for economic investment in our community, drawing together new residents, workers and tourists to its shopping and recreational facilities. Many new developments of note were realized in 2008 and include the "Jewel" - the Kathleen Avenue apartment project now under construction, and the recently completed mixed-use Centrepoint project at Kingsway and McMurray Avenue.

The exciting ground-breaking ceremony for the Metrotower III office tower took place recently at the Metropolis. This beautifully designed high quality "triple-A" office development will be the first LEED Platinum pre-certified project in Canada. It will be a model of green stewardship featuring environmentally conscious design to benefit its occupants and our environment. This outstanding development is destined to become one of the modern landmarks of Burnaby. It provides additional evidence of the development industry's confidence in our city's success and our assured future as a leading centre for business.

The city completed several projects to improve Metrotown for pedestrians and commuters. The planning concept for the reconstruction and improvement of the busy Metrotown SkyTrain Station is now proceeding. Construction of the pedestrian overpass at Kingsway at McMurray was completed and has created a new signature landmark feature, uniting the north and south areas of the town centre.

In northwest Burnaby, the continued success of the Brentwood Town Centre has created a central focus for recent development. Construction of the Millennium SkyTrain Line, with three stations at Gilmore, Brentwood and Holdom, serves as the focus and catalyst of new transit-oriented development. The Brentwood Town Centre Development Plan recognizes and capitalizes upon this significant transportation corridor by designating its highest, most efficient land uses within walking distance of these three Millennium SkyTrain stations.

Here, land uses are being transformed under Comprehensive Development zoning to create higher density, mixed-use development. The town centre plan provides a strong example of Burnaby's vision for sustainable urban development, created and supported by an innovative and economically sound land-use policy.

The plan also recognizes the importance of creating park and community facilities to serve our citizens. The City has secured a number of these green space components through redevelopment and has capitalized on new opportunities arising from the town centre's maturation. Significant urban trail sections have been constructed or are planned. Many of the town centre's park developments and environmental enhancement works have been funded through the City's density bonusing program and through park land created by the rezoning process. The vision is to create a

contiguous corridor of green space following a rejuvenated Still Creek and linking the town centre to Burnaby Lake Regional Nature Park, for the enhancement of wildlife habitat, public recreation and peaceful enjoyment.

In concert with the growing town centre, the City has ensured that the full spectrum of parks, recreation and cultural facilities will be realized through opportunities provided by high-density redevelopment. Working with our development community, all residents of Burnaby will benefit from the City's density bonusing program which has received commitments of \$29 million in funding for a range of new and expanded public amenities across the City.

In 2008, Burnaby obtained a number of significant amenities in Brentwood Town Centre at no capital cost to taxpayers. The Holdom Community Resource Centre is a 10,000 square foot office space for non-profit community organizations and resources. The new Yukon Crescent Child Care Centre has been a welcome addition to the neighbourhood and currently has a capacity for 68 children. At Willingdon Heights Community Centre, we have been able to secure funding to create a future addition to the building to provide increased recreational opportunities for this expanding neighbourhood.

The Heights is another commercial area that has not been forgotten in our plans. The heritage of North Burnaby is tied to the historic commercial district of East Hastings Street. Burnaby is fortunate to have so many family-owned businesses that have organized the Heights Business Improvement Area to support their common goals and celebrate community success with many events and festivals. In 2008, we further supported the Heights in their expansion of the BIA west of Willingdon Avenue. Next week, we will celebrate with them the return of the historic 1950s neon sign known as the "Swinging Girl" that once marked Helen's Childrens Wear. Purchased and restored by the City, this much loved heritage landmark will now mark and brand the Heights for new generations of shoppers.

In the well-established Lougheed Town Centre, development continues to be balanced with several new commercial and residential projects. Northgate Village is the largest of these developments and is underway at the corner of North Road and Cameron. Two residential towers, comprising of 503 units and over 100,000 sq. ft. of retail and office space, will provide a new focus for the town centre. Once again, through our successful density bonus program, we have been able to secure a City-owned 4,000 square foot space to establish the new Cameron childcare centre.

Significant development activity is ongoing at nearby Simon Fraser University. The award-winning and sustainable UniverCity Highlands Neighbourhood continues to grow with over 1,000 apartment and townhouse units completed and further residential and commercial developments being pursued. Burnaby looks forward to continuing to work

in partnership with SFU and UniverCity to complete this model of sustainable development on Burnaby Mountain.

The Edmonds Town Centre is also continuing to develop and improve as a vibrant, mixed-used community. Construction of the new Edmonds Public Library is progressing beside the almost completed Esprit mixed-use development at Kingsway and Edmonds. New developments throughout this town centre have rapidly transformed the area, building on its heritage as one of Burnaby's oldest districts. With this history in mind the City is committed to working with area residents, retailers and land owners to revitalize Edmonds Street. Over the next year, a comprehensive strategy will be prepared and implemented to guide the creation of an urban village on Edmonds Street. The City will do its part to improve the streetscape, invest in public facilities and guide this revitalization plan. We will also be engaging community and business to join with us in achieving a new vision for this aspect of the Edmonds Town Centre.

As part of our commitment to revitalize Edmonds, we will be moving ahead to complete the architectural design for the development of the new 90,000 sq. ft. community and aquatic centre in Richmond Park to replace the existing Eastburn Community Centre in Edmonds. We will proceed with this major project as soon as possible to ensure that this facility will serve the needs of the growing community and its residents. New City services built in Edmonds will follow our reputation for outstanding construction and add to the excellent recreational and community facilities in our City.

In the southern part of the Town Centre, construction of the sustainable "Green" residential development is now underway on the site of the City's old gravel pit. The area's trail network continues to be extended and this year we opened the award-winning Griffiths overpass to link our residential and amenity areas. Students can now walk and ride their bikes safely from Taylor Park to the new Byrne Creek Secondary School on this new trail. This Urban link will become increasingly important as we look ahead to the renewal of the B.C. Parkway providing an important bicycle and pedestrian route for commuters.

Through the development of all of our town centres, Burnaby is committed to ensuring that existing affordable housing units are protected and new units are completed. In 2008 we have secured the creation of six new affordable rental housing units at the Brentwood Gate development. These new homes have been built and transferred to the city's ownership for operation by a non-profit housing agency. Since establishing affordable housing as part of our density bonus program we have been able to secure a total of nineteen units across the city.

As part of our affordable housing initiative Council also designated the use of funds from the Community Benefit Bonus program. This program was established to permit additional density on development sites in town centres in exchange for community amenities, affordable housing or a cash-in-lieu contributions. Of the total funds received 20% are automatically assigned to be used for affordable housing. In 2008 Council authorized the use of these funds to support affordable housing as part of the redevelopment of the South Burnaby Legion site and the expansion of the Marguerite Dixon House.

Burnaby will be moving ahead with several new environmental initiatives through our Engineering Department. One of the most important of these will be the implementation of the Metro Vancouver Zero Waste program to divert recyclables from the waste stream. We are dedicated to increasing recycling in both multi-family and business sectors, as part of our overall strategy. In the fall of 2009 Burnaby will begin its new automated system to provide for the collection of garbage and yard waste. Every home will be supplied with specially designed containers which will be picked up by our new fleet of trucks equipped with mechanical arms. Residents will no longer have to be concerned about weight limits and we will improve and protect our workers safety and reduce time off work for injuries.

In 2009, Burnaby will enjoy the completion of more urban trails and bikeways than ever before. We will also look forward to integrating the Deer Lake Urban Trail on Moscrop Street with the "Midtown" and the "Lakes" Bikeways. By 2010, all of these projects will be completed, and a number of others will be underway, knitting Burnaby's network of cycling facilities together for the first time. In addition, components like the Winston Overpass, opening as part of the Central Valley Greenway in 2009, will permit direct pedestrian and cycling access from the Sperling Skytrain station to Burnaby Lake Regional Nature Park and the Sports Complex.

One of the keys to Burnaby's success in creating a sustainable City has been our investment in services for our citizens through our libraries and parks and the opportunities they provide for educational, recreation and cultural events. In 2008, Burnaby's staff continued to deliver outstanding programs to our city. In every community, our facilities and staff have provided programs and services that enrich the lives of our citizens and contribute immeasurably to the liveability and economic vitality of our City.

Deer Lake Park has evolved as one of our city's most important acquisitions to showcase our key natural, cultural and heritage assets. Civic government investment in this spectacular historic precinct and its heritage buildings has created significant positive economic benefits for tourism and local businesses. Our long-term goal is to create a park that will feature the best of our community's heritage and culture and create one of the region's 'must see' attractions. In 2009, the new Spirit Square at

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the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts will be completed to improve public space for our community festivals and concerts, while protecting the heritage and natural features of the park.

The safety of our residents has always been the top priority for Burnaby. The Fire Department, under the leadership of Chief Bob Cook, continues to provide highly trained firefighters to ensure the security of our residents and their property. Continued growth throughout the city has placed enormous pressure on the needs of our emergency response system. Assisted by independent consultant studies, we have taken the lead to ensure that our fire response system is maintained to an excellent standard. The new Fire Station No. 7 now under construction on Gilmore will be completed in 2009. It is the City's first LEED-Silver project incorporating a green roof, water recycling and an energy efficient climate control system.

Our Council is proud of the Burnaby detachment of the RCMP and the work of Superintendant Rick Taylor. Our Community Policing Stations and Neighborhood Liaison Constables have been working hard to address crime and social issues in every quadrant of the city. Our crime reduction program, which is strategic and intelligence-led, focuses on the reduction of crime and victimization, resulting in a safer and more secure community. Over the last year, the Burnaby Detachment has continued to evolve and build on partnerships, improve the responsiveness of the organization, and find creative ways to drive integrated policing.

Council added 21 new police officers to the Burnaby detachment in 2008 and we are committed to increasing our force by another 25 officers. In 2009, we will add another six more officers to ensure that our community is well-served by our outstanding community police force.

The City of Burnaby is the proud host of the World Police and Fire Games which will be held from July 31 – August 9, 2009. These international games will be a spectacular sporting event, as we will welcome more than 12,000 athletes competing in over 60 sports at more than 40 venues across the Lower Mainland. The Games are open to all Law Enforcement officers, Firefighters, and Customs and Correctional Officers from around the world bringing together the emergency services community for 10 days, celebrating comradeship, community and competition.

We are proud of the important role that both our Fire Department and the Burnaby RCMP have in serving this community and we will celebrate with them during this event. The City of Burnaby will host over 5,300 athletes in 24 sports at 12 unique venues throughout the city, which will result in a positive economic impact for our community. In addition to the sporting events, Burnaby will also host a number of cultural and entertainment events including exhibits, concerts and a Games Village Hub.

As we look forward to these and other exciting events in 2009, Burnaby can be very proud of its accomplishments. We are a City that enjoys tremendous ethnic diversity of our citizens, representing a world of cultures and experience. Together, we are building a City that ensures the needs of its citizens are the focus of every new project and initiative. As we continue to grow and prosper, we will succeed in our goal of creating a community that balances economic growth with strong respect for, and stewardship of, our natural environment and the establishment of high quality services and facilities to meet the needs of an engaged and active community.

I am truly honoured to be the Mayor of a City that embraces these values. Together we'll make Burnaby an even better place to live, work, learn and play.

Thank you for being with us tonight. Thank you for helping to keep Burnaby strong.

APPOINTMENTS

Directors – Greater Vancouver Regional District

Directors – Greater Vancouver Regional Labour Relations Bureau

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL: SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO:

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

Greater Vancouver Regional District

Directors:	Alternates:	Votes
Mayor Derek R. Corrigan	Councillor Pietro Calendino	4
Councillor Colleen Jordan	Councillor Dan Johnston	4
Councillor Sav Dhaliwal	Councillor Pietro Calendino	3

Greater Vancouver Regional Labour Relations Bureau

Director:	Alternate:
Councillor Pietro Calendino	Mayor Derek R. Corrigan."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. BYLAWS

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READING:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR VOLKOW: SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:

"THAT

Burnaby Waterworks Regulation Bylaw 1953, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2008	#12575
Burnaby Sewer Parcel Tax Bylaw 1994, Amendment Bylaw 2008	#12576
Burnaby Sewer Change Bylaw 1961, Amendment Bylaw 2008	#12577

be now introduced and read three times."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RECONSIDERATION AND FINAL ADOPTION:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR VOLKOW: SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON:

"THAT

Burnaby Temporary Financing Bylaw 2008	#12555
Burnaby Local Area Service Construction Bylaw No. 18, 2008	#12571
Burnaby Local Area Service Construction Bylaw No. 19, 2008	#12572
Burnaby Local Area Service Construction Bylaw No. 20, 2008	#12573

Burnaby Local Area Service Construction Bylaw No. 21, 2008 #12574

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. **NEW BUSINESS**

Councillor Calendino

Councillor Calendino was granted leave by Council to introduce the following motion:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO: SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR VOLKOW:

"THAT the Executive Committee of Council meeting scheduled to be held on Monday 2008 December 15 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Committee Room be **CANCELLED**."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO: SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR VOLKOW:

"THAT the Community Policing Committee meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday, 2008 December 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber be **CANCELLED**."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Jordan

Councillor Jordan was granted leave by Council to introduce the following motion:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JORDAN: SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR VOLKOW:

"THAT the Community Development Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Committee Room be **CANCELLED**."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

On behalf of Council His Worship Mayor Derek R. Corrigan thanked everyone, including family and friends, for attending the Inaugural Council meeting and extended an invitation to everyone to stay and enjoy the reception following the meeting.

3. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL: SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR JORDAN:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The 'Open' Council Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Confirmed:

Certified Correct: