



**MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, 141 WEST 14TH STREET,  
NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C., ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1996 AT  
7:30 P.M.**

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**PRESENT:**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mayor J.E. Loucks  
Councillor J.B. Braithwaite  
Councillor S.J. Dean  
Councillor R.J. Fearnley  
Councillor D.R. Mussatto  
Councillor B.W. Perrault  
Councillor B.A. Sharp

**STAFF MEMBERS**

A.K. Tollstam, City Administrator  
B.A. Hawkshaw, City Clerk  
D.M. Rooke, Assistant City Clerk

The City Clerk called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

**1. OATHS OF OFFICE AND OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE**

Her Honour Judge Ellen Burdett administered the Oaths of Office and Oaths of Allegiance to all members of Council.

**2. INVOCATION**

Pastor David Norris, North Shore Christian Centre, gave the invocation.

**3. VOTE OF THANKS**

- (a) Councillor Braithwaite made a presentation to Madam Justice Ellen Burdett and thanked her for her participation at the meeting
- (b) Councillor Dean made a presentation to Pastor David Norris and thanked him for his participation at the meeting.
- (c) Councillor Sharp made a presentation to Constable Caroline Raymond and Constable Annie Joyal and thanked them for their participation at the meeting.

#### **4. INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**

Mayor Loucks introduced honoured guests present in the gallery.

#### **5. MAYOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS**

Mayor J.E. Loucks delivered the following address:

Honoured guests, members of Council, ladies and gentlemen, it is my privilege this evening to present to our citizens the Inaugural Address which will focus on those areas to which the City of North Vancouver Council will commit its energy during the coming term of office. The agenda for this new Council will be the most important one since the City was incorporated in 1907 as it will not only complete this century but will provide a bridge to place the City of North Vancouver in the strategic position where we will be able to take advantage of the opportunities that await us in the 21st century.

Before proceeding, I would like to congratulate the five returning Councillors, John Braithwaite, Stella Jo Dean, Darrell Mussatto, Barbara Perrault and Barbara Sharp. I would also like to welcome and congratulate Bob Fearnley on his election to Council. I am looking forward to working with the Councillors and staff over the next three years on behalf of the citizens of North Vancouver City.

I would also like to thank Councillor Bill Bell for his nine years of service on Council and wish him success in his future endeavours.

I would like to express our thanks to the Honourable Judge Ellen Burdett for performing the Swearing-in Ceremony and to Pastor David Norris of the North Shore Christian Centre for performing the Invocation. His words provide an inspirational beginning to this Council's new term of office. We also thank Constables Caroline Raymond and Annie Joyal of the North Vancouver RCMP Detachment for their contribution this evening.

At this time, I would also like to express, on behalf of Council and the citizens of the City, appreciation to that group of volunteers who serve without remuneration, but with a great deal of dedication as Council Appointees on numerous committees, commissions and Boards. Time does not permit me to name all these dedicated volunteers, but I do extend sincerest thanks to them for their interest and contribution to the development of the City of North Vancouver.

I also feel it is essential to acknowledge the many dedicated citizens who devote countless hours to community, school, sports and youth activities which all contribute to making our City the successful community that it is.

5. Mayor's Annual Address - continued

Thanks also go to members of the media, in particular to the North Shore News, for its regular coverage of our Council meetings, and to Rogers Cable, CKWX, CKNW, and the Vancouver Sun for their coverage. The work of the media plays an important role in keeping our community informed of the issues facing the City on an ongoing basis.

The purpose of my address tonight is not to focus on 1997 financial issues, but I would be remiss if I did not comment on the recent announcement of a major reduction in grants from the Provincial government. I would like to assure our citizens that the City, through its prudent financial management practices, will make every effort not to pass this burden onto our citizens as a tax increase. As Chair of the City's Finance Committee I have instructed staff to develop options for dealing with the grant reduction. This does not mean that every department, board and agency can continue to expect the same level of funding, nor that capital programs will not be deferred. I have every confidence, however, that we can develop revenues from other sources and will re-examine all non-essential items. The City, because of its compact size, its large commercial and industrial tax base and its future potential, is well prepared to meet this challenge.

After years of hard work, we look forward this spring to the opening of the Gerry Brewer Building, new home of the North Vancouver RCMP Detachment and North and West Vancouver Emergency Program Office, which will be completed, on time and under budget. This building will provide much awaited additional space for a workforce which has been housed in cramped quarters for too many years. Through careful planning we have the funding in place to pay for the building.

The site on which the existing police building is located is entirely City-owned and will become surplus to the City's needs once the new building is occupied. Sale of this site should generate millions of dollars of funding which we can use to assist us in our capital planning process.

Work has already begun on the three major undeveloped sites in the City - Lower Lonsdale, Versatile Shipyards and the Fullerton lands.

Planning for Lower Lonsdale has been ongoing for a considerable time, and in order to expedite the planning phase, two staff members have been dedicated solely to the task of completing the concept plan for the redevelopment of Lower Lonsdale. A number of complementary activities, such as a community benefits review and density bonusing review, are also ongoing and will be consolidated with the planning exercise. Once the plan has been reviewed by advisory committees and the public and endorsed by Council, it will form the basis of the City's marketing strategy for its lands, which we anticipate will generate up to \$30 million for our Tax Sale Land Fund.

5. Mayor's Annual Address - continued

Another project that will further the revitalization of Lower Lonsdale is the development of the Versatile Shipyards site. A consultant team, directed by a steering committee representing the owner, the Vancouver Port Corporation and the City, has begun a comprehensive review of the site and its potential to accommodate future redevelopment. Input from Council and from the public will be encouraged throughout the various stages of the project.

To the west, the sale of the Fullerton lands, a 65 acre tract of vacant waterfront land south of Capilano Mall, may soon be finalized. The next step will likely be a planning study to consider numerous issues which flow from the intended development of the site, currently designated in the Official Community Plan as a Special Study Area.

The previous descriptions outline those projects that will have the biggest visual impact for the City of North Vancouver and its residents. No less important are the numerous and varied, but sometimes less obvious, initiatives being undertaken by staff under Council's direction.

City Council, staff, advisory committees and the public will continue to pay close attention to development applications. The current Official Community Plan, adopted in 1992, acts as the guide to redevelopment and growth within the City and provides for review of proposals at committee meetings and public hearings. Review of the OCP is ongoing, and an update which will reflect the principles of sustainability, is expected to be nearing completion by the end of the century.

The City will soon see the implementation of Development Cost Charges for the acquisition of parkland and improvements for existing parks. We also look forward to working with the development community to establish ways and means of providing additional affordable housing units.

We expect an environmental program and a fully operational Environmental Advisory Committee to be established in 1997, leading to many initiatives by the end of 1999. Work already underway will continue to develop practical methods of reducing our dependency on the single occupant vehicle, with emphasis on bicycle routes, improved local transit, and, close to home, an employee transportation plan. In addition, another section of the Low Level Route will be completed during the first half of 1997, improving traffic flow through the City.

The concept of a healthy community is a broad one, but one which City Council strives to achieve through the provision, wholly or in part, of facilities and services to foster the physical and cultural well being of all our residents. A partial listing includes the North Vancouver Recreation Commission, Presentation House, the Library, and Museum and Archives, and grants to a variety of non profit agencies and societies.

5. Mayor's Annual Address - continued

To respond to a growing community concern, Council authorized a Safe City Audit during 1996. Recommendations have been received and an implementation plan is being prepared. In addition, Council will be considering recommendations resulting from a review of the Lower Lonsdale Community Policing office, which has proven to have positive benefits for the residents of Lower Lonsdale and the City, along with the possibility of hiring a neighbourhood constable for the Lower Lonsdale area. To address the need for preventing violence in our community, an annual grant is provided to City schools to assist them in the provision of violence prevention programs for their staff and students.

The City continues to support the needs and interests of youth in the community through funding and services that encourage programs of a preventative nature. At the core of the City's youth initiatives is ongoing funding support to North Shore Neighbourhood House and Capilano Community Services for Outreach Youth services. The City's Children and Youth Initiatives Fund, unique in the Lower Mainland, provides grants to youth and adults working with children and youth for projects and events that encourage more active involvement in our community. We also participate in a Youth Leadership program, also unique in the Lower Mainland, that teaches youth leadership skills.

Through determined effort over the past few years, a Public Involvement process was implemented and has been used extensively. We recognize this is a dynamic process, and we will work toward improving our current system for obtaining public input.

For some time the three North Shore municipalities have worked cooperatively to achieve common goals, and we are continuing to do so in a number of areas. To improve public safety for all our citizens, and reduce costs, a review of combined North Shore central dispatching for emergency response is currently underway. In addition, the three North Shore Fire Departments are working closely to establish Automatic Mutual Aid that would help in response time and provision of special fire equipment at the initial stages of an emergency. In addition, we participate in many cooperative programs, including purchasing, engineering and park services and the joint use of facilities with School District #44.

Over the past few years Council has received many statements of concern regarding other City facilities and issues. We will be working with the new Library Board to research funding sources to finance increased library space, and will continue to provide funding for Centennial Theatre with the aim of completing the upgrades necessary to improve accessibility by the end of 1999.

5. Mayor's Annual Address - continued

We will continue to work actively with North Shore Health as it moves into Regional Health Board status to ensure the continuation of services relating to all community health issues. We will also be more and more involved with the GVRD on regional aspects of First Nations issues, and expect to become an active member of the treaty negotiation process.

To summarize, the City is poised in the next few years to begin the transition from being a good place in which to live, to being one of the best places in the region in which to live, work and raise a family. During the coming three years I foresee that a considerable portion of the potential of the Lower Lonsdale area will be realized, with development on both private and City land providing increased public access to the waterfront, and contributing to our City's economic vitality. It is our hope that all the resulting community serving amenities will harmonize the diversity of the area and the City as a whole, that the plaza proposed on West First Street will provide a communal meeting place and that the foot of Lonsdale will become a people place with public access to the waterfront as it was when our City began.

The City of North Vancouver's future is bright. The new taxes which will be generated from major developments, and the proceeds from the land sales, will strengthen our already sound financial position. I can assure all our citizens that our Council and staff are committed to making sure that our City taxpayers will benefit from these developments in the form of the lowest taxes possible and amenities designed and built to serve City residents. There will be challenges and obstacles to overcome, but this Council is well equipped to meet them and bring us into the 21st Century.

Moved by Councillor Dean, seconded by Councillor Mussatto

**THAT** the Mayor's address be received and entered in the Minutes of the meeting.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

6. (a) **APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

.1 **Finance Committee**

All Members of Council  
Mayor J.E. Loucks (Chair)  
Councillor S.J. Dean (Acting Chair)

.2 **Policy Committee**

All Members of Council  
For Alternating Chair:

Councillor J.B. Braithwaite..... December — January  
Councillor D.R. Mussatto..... February — March  
Councillor S.J. Dean..... April — May  
Councillor B.W. Perrault..... June — July  
Councillor B.A. Sharp ..... August — September  
Councillor R.J. Fearnley ..... October — November

(In the event the Chair is either absent or unable to act, the member of Council appointed as Chair for the preceding period will be the Chair.)

.3 **Parks And Recreation Committee**

All Members of Council  
Councillor J.B. Braithwaite (Chair)

Mayor J.E. Loucks hereby appointed the above persons to the City's Standing Committees for the period December 2, 1996 through November, 1997.

(b) **APPOINTMENTS TO SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**.1 Advisory Design Panel**

Councillor B.W. Perrault

**.2 Advisory Planning Commission**

Councillor R.J. Fearnley  
Councillor B.A. Sharp

**.3 Athletic Commission**

To be appointed as and when needed  
(Chair) Mr. B.A. Hawkshaw, City Clerk

**.4 City of North Vancouver Heritage Advisory Commission**

Councillor S.J. Dean

**.5 City of North Vancouver Library Board**

Councillor B.W. Perrault

**.6 Council Indemnity Review Committee**

Appointment to be determined at a later date

**.7 Environmental Committee**

Councillor B.A. Sharp

**.8 Gardens Review Board - Park & Tilford Gardens**

Councillor S.J. Dean  
Councillor D.R. Mussatto

**.9 Joint Strategic Planning Committee**

Councillor B.A. Sharp(Chair)  
Councillor S.J. Dean  
Mayor J.E. Loucks



6. (b) Appointments to Special Committees - continued

**.10 Labour Relations Steering Committee**

Mr. A.K. Tollstam, City Administrator (Chair)  
Mr. R. Shore, Director of Personnel Services  
Mr. B.A. Hawkshaw, City Clerk

**.11 Noise Control Committee**

Councillor J.B. Braithwaite (Chair)

**.12 Police Liaison Committee (City)**

Councillor S.J. Dean (Chair)  
Councillor R.J. Fearnley  
Mayor J.E. Loucks

**.13 Revenue Generation Committee**

Councillor S.J. Dean (Chair)  
Mayor J.E. Loucks  
Mr. A.K. Tollstam, City Administrator  
Mrs. S.E. Durnford, Director of Finance

**.14 Social Planning Advisory Committee**

Councillor J.B. Braithwaite

**.15 Street Naming Committee**

Councillor B.W. Perrault (Chair)  
Councillor J.B. Braithwaite  
Mr. A.K. Tollstam, City Administrator

Moved by Councillor Dean seconded by Councillor Mussatto

**THAT** the appointments to the Special Committees of Council for the period December 2, 1996 through November, 1997 be approved.

**CARRIED**

(c) **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO COMMITTEES AND OTHER AGENCIES**

.1 **Greater Vancouver Regional District**

**Hospital, Sewerage and Drainage, and Water Districts**

Mayor J.E. Loucks  
Councillor J.B. Braithwaite (Alternate)

Moved by Councillor Dean, seconded by Councillor Mussatto

**THAT** Mayor J.E. Loucks, Director and Councillor J.B. Braithwaite (Alternate) be appointed to the Greater Vancouver Regional District, Hospital, Sewerage and Drainage, and Water Districts for December 2, 1996 through November, 1997.

**CARRIED**

.2 **Greater Vancouver Regional District**

**Labour Relations**

Mayor J.E. Loucks  
Councillor S.J. Dean (Alternate)  
Mr. A.K. Tollstam, City Administrator (Labour Relations Administrative Committee)

Moved by Councillor Perrault, seconded by Councillor Dean

**THAT** Mayor J.E. Loucks (Labour Relations Committee), Councillor S.J. Dean (Alternate - Labour Relations Committee) and Mr. A.K. Tollstam, City Administrator (Labour Relations Administrative Committee) be appointed to the Greater Vancouver Regional District Labour Relations Committee for the period December 2, 1996 through November, 1997.

**CARRIED**

6. (c) Appointment of Representatives to Committees and Other Agencies - continued

**.3 Advisory Committee On Disability Issues**

Councillor D.R. Mussatto

**.4 Animal Welfare Committee**

Councillor B.A. Sharp

**.5 Community Use Of Schools Committee**

Councillor B.W. Perrault

**.6 Joint Police Liaison Committee (City And District Of North Vancouver)**

Councillor S.J. Dean (Co-Chair)

Councillor R.J. Fearnley

Mayor J.E. Loucks

**.7 Kiwanis Senior Citizens Homes Ltd. - Board Of Directors**

Mr. B.A. Hawkshaw, City Clerk

**.8 North And West Vancouver Emergency Program**

Councillor B.A. Sharp

Mayor J.E. Loucks (Alternate)

**.9 North Shore Arts Commission**

Councillor B.W. Perrault

**.10 North Shore Economic Development Commission**

Councillor B.A. Sharp

**.11 North Shore Neighbourhood House**

Councillor D.R. Mussatto

6. (c) Appointment of Representatives to Committees and Other Agencies - continued

**.12 North Shore Regional Board of Health**

Councillor J.B. Braithwaite

**.13 North Shore Union Board Of Health**

Councillor J.B. Braithwaite

**.14 North Vancouver Bicycle Advisory Committee**

Councillor D.R. Mussatto

**.15 North Vancouver Chamber Of Commerce**

Councillor S.J. Dean

**.16 North Vancouver Community Arts Council**

Councillor R.J. Fearnley

**.17 North Vancouver Family Court And Youth Justice Committee**

Councillor B.A. Sharp

**.18 North Vancouver Museum and Archives Commission**

Councillor B.W. Perrault

**.19 North Vancouver Recreation Commission**

Councillor D.R. Mussatto

**.20 Presentation House (B.C. Photography & Media Arts Society)**

Councillor D.R. Mussatto

**.21 Presentation House - Theatre**

Councillor R.J. Fearnley

6. (c) Appointment of Representatives to Committees and Other Agencies - continued

**.22 Silver Harbour Centre - Grants Review Committee**

Councillor J.B. Braithwaite

**.23 West Vancouver Coho Festival Committee**

Councillor S.J. Dean

Moved by Councillor Sharp, seconded by Councillor Fearnley

**THAT** the appointments of the Representatives of Council to Committees and other Agencies for the period December 2, 1996 through November, 1997 be approved.

**CARRIED**

6. (d) APPOINTMENT OF ACTING MAYORS

Councillor J.B. Braithwaite ..... December — January  
Councillor D.R. Mussatto ..... February — March  
Councillor S.J. Dean ..... April — May  
Councillor B.W. Perrault ..... June — July  
Councillor B.A. Sharp ..... August — September  
Councillor R.J. Fearnley..... October — November

(In the event the Mayor and Acting Mayor are either absent or unable to act, the Member of Council appointed as Acting Mayor for the preceding period will be the Acting Mayor.)

Moved by Councillor Dean seconded by Councillor Sharp

**THAT** the appointments of Acting Mayors for the period December 2, 1996 through November, 1997 be approved.

**CARRIED**

6. (e) **APPOINTMENTS OF COURTS OF REVISION**

.1 **Frontage Tax Assessment Roll**

All members of Council

Moved by Councillor Perrault, seconded by Councillor Dean

**THAT** all Members of Council be appointed to a Court of Revision for the purpose of considering and dealing with Frontage Tax Assessment Rolls in connection with Local Improvement Projects.

**CARRIED**

.2 **Sewer Parcel Tax Assessment Roll**

All members of Council

Moved by Councillor Perrault, seconded by Councillor Dean

**THAT** all Members of Council be appointed to a Court of Revision for the purpose of considering and dealing with Sewer Parcel Tax Assessment Rolls.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Sharp, seconded by Councillor Dean

THAT the meeting adjourn.

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.