



**MINUTES OF THE STATUTORY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, 141 WEST 14TH STREET,
NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C., ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1997
AT 6:00 P.M.**

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
S.E. Dowey, Deputy City Clerk
F.A. Smith, Director, Development Services
R. Shore, Director of Personnel Services
R.H. White, City Planner
F. Caouette, Administrative Manager, Dev. Servs.
I. Gordon, Acting Director of Finance
J. Laughlin, Acting City Engineer
B. Granger, Manager, Parks & Environment
D. Hutch, Parks Design Technician
G.T. Tulloch, Deputy Director of Finance
J. Aver, Acting Manager, Budgets & Payroll
Fire Chief T. Cumming

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Dean, seconded by Councillor Perrault

THAT item 8. Any Other Business, on the agenda, be brought forward for consideration at this time.

CARRIED

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Appointment of City Engineer - File: 1800-06/1905-06 CENG**
- (b) Closure of City Hall – Friday, January 2, 1998 - File: 1900-01**

Moved by Councillor Dean, seconded by Councillor Perrault

THAT the “Appointment of City Engineer” be added to the agenda, in camera, as Item 9.(b) and the “Closure of City Hall – Friday, January 2, 1998” be added to the agenda in camera, as Item 9.(c).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Moved by Councillor Dean, seconded by Councillor Perrault

THAT the meeting recess to the Committee of the Whole to consider confidential reports in camera.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed at 6:02 p.m., and reconvened at 8:32 p.m., with the same personnel present and with the addition of Councillor Braithwaite and Councillor Sharp.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Dean, seconded by Councillor Fearnley

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 1, 1997 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.1 REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by Councillor Perrault, seconded by Councillor Dean, that the following recommendations of the Committee of the Whole in camera be ratified:

(b) Appointment of City Engineer – File: 1800-06/1905-06 CENG

THAT the action taken by the Committee of the Whole in camera, with regards to “Appointment of City Engineer” be ratified, and the wording of the resolution remain in camera.

(CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

(c) Closure of City Hall - Friday, January 2, 1998 - File: 1900-01

THAT the January 5, 1998 Council meeting be cancelled.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Loucks read the following Proclamation:

“COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION DAY”, DECEMBER 8, 1997

5. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Public Meeting to Discuss Doing Business in City of North Vancouver - File: 1000-01

Moved by Councillor Fearnley, seconded by Councillor Sharp

WHEREAS it was recently reported in the print media that a Canadian Federation of Independent Business report entitled Local Disturbances – Small Business Report on Western Municipal Governments listed North Vancouver as the worst place to do business in Western Canada;

AND WHEREAS there was no distinction made between the District of North Vancouver and the City of North Vancouver;

AND WHEREAS the City of North Vancouver is a progressive and enlightened community that encourages business activity;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of North Vancouver hold a Special Public Meeting with business representatives and other interested parties to discuss the problems of doing business in the City of North Vancouver;

AND THAT the City ask a representative of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business to make a presentation to Council at the Public Meeting on the report entitled “Local Disturbances – Small Business Report on Western Municipal Governments” along with any background material and observations that will help Council to understand and deal with that report;

AND THAT the City of North Vancouver make a formal request to the Canadian Federation of Independent Business to separate the District of North Vancouver from the City of North Vancouver in future versions of the report;

AND THAT the City Administrator prepare a report based on that Special Public Meeting and the aforementioned Canadian Federation of Independent Business report that will assist Council in maintaining a strong, healthy business community in the City of North Vancouver.

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5. (a) **Public Meeting to Discuss Doing Business in City of North Vancouver - File: 1000-01 - Continued.**

Moved by Councillor Fearnley, seconded by Councillor Dean

PURSUANT to the report of the Administrative Manager, dated November 21, 1997, entitled "Canadian Federation of Independent Business – Doing Business in the City of North Vancouver":

THAT staff be instructed to prepare an outline of a survey/consultation process that will focus on businesses licensed in the City of North Vancouver.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor Perrault, seconded by Councillor Fearnley

THAT a very strongly worded letter be forwarded to the Canadian Federation of Independent Business indicating the City of North Vancouver's displeasure and requesting a copy of the questions that were asked in their survey.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by Councillor Mussatto, seconded by Councillor Dean

THAT Items 4.(a), (b), (c), (d), (g), 5.(b), 6.(b)(i), (ii) and 6.(c)(i) on the agenda be brought forward for consideration at this time.

CARRIED

4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COUNCIL, AND STAFF

**(a) Landscape Enhancement Project Civic Centre South
File: 1065-02-03**

Report: Parks Design Technician, Engineering Department,
November 26, 1997

The Parks Design Technician gave a slide presentation of the proposed Civic Centre South landscape plan.

Moved by Councillor Dean, seconded by Councillor Sharp

PURSUANT to the report of the Parks Design Technician, dated November 26, 1997, entitled "Landscape Enhancement Project Civic Centre South":

THAT the City Hall south landscape enhancement project be funded from "Tax Sale Lands Reserve Fund Expenditure Bylaw, 1995, No. 6707" (1995 Capital Works Program).

CARRIED

(b) 1998 Provisional Budget - File: 1650-07-01

Report: Acting Manager of Budgets & Payroll, December 3, 1997

Moved by Councillor Sharp, seconded by Councillor Mussatto

PURSUANT to the report of the Acting Manager of Budgets and Payroll, dated December 3, 1997, entitled "1998 Provisional Budget":

THAT the 1998 Provisional Budget as provided in Attachment 1 of the said report be adopted;

AND THAT staff be directed to arrange a series of meetings to review the 1998 Provisional Budget and other information as required to establish the 1998 Annual Budget;

AND THAT the Finance Committee meet to review the 1998 Annual Budget submissions.

Mayor J.E. Loucks read out the following speech:

As in previous years, the goal of Council is to provide good service at the lowest possible cost to the taxpayer.

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4. (b) 1998 Provisional Budget - File: 1650-07-01 - Continued

Over the past several years this has resulted in one of the lower residential tax levies in the Lower Mainland. In 1997, the municipal portion of taxes (the portion over which Council has control), amounted to \$773. for an average single family residence.

The 1998 Provisional Budget which is before us this evening is a preliminary budget that conservatively estimates operating revenues and expenditures. However, it also incorporates a 2.5% tax increase to cover the following critical areas:

Firstly, it incorporates a provision to ensure that future capital needs are adequately funded. Through prudent fiscal management, the City of North Vancouver will become "debt-free" in 1998. Debt is an expensive method of financing infrastructure replacement, even in these days of low interest rates. Support for adequate reserves is crucial to give the City the flexibility required to avoid debt financing for foreseeable replacement requirements.

Secondly, it incorporates a contingency for salary settlements currently under negotiation with our police, fire and municipal employees. As negotiations are ongoing, it is not possible to predict at this time what these costs will be, but estimates have been made with the best information available to us, along with more efficient distributions of existing resources wherever possible.

Thirdly, a small provision has been made to fund "new items" which may be required to enhance services to our citizens. Council will be considering each such item carefully to ensure that the most beneficial use is made of these funds.

One major factor which has not been incorporated in the budget at this time is a further reduction in Provincial funding. In 1997, the City's Provincial funding was cut by over 50%, but through very careful consideration of alternatives, Council was able to avoid passing the majority of this funding cut on to our taxpayers. This was not done without making some hard choices, one of which was to leave some of our statutory reserve funds underfunded. This is one of the reasons provision is being made to increase reserve funding now. However, if the Provincial government does make further funding cuts, Council and staff will face a difficult choice between cutting services and raising taxes, as current Provincial funding is equivalent to 3.5% of our tax levy.

Early in 1998, Council, acting as Finance Committee, will meet with Department Heads and others to thoroughly review and adjust budget submissions as appropriate. In performing this review, our objective continues to be optimal use of City resources to provide taxpayers with an efficient and effective level of service. We are confident that this can be achieved while continuing to maintain one of the lowest tax rates in all property classes within the Greater Vancouver Regional District, and well below other North Shore communities, as we have successfully done in the past.

4. (b) 1998 Provisional Budget - File: 1650-07-01 – Continued

Moved by Councillor Fearnley, seconded by Councillor Dean

THAT the motion be amended by deleting the following words:

“**THAT** the 1998 Provisional Budget as provided in Attachment 1 of the report be adopted;”

and replacing them with the following words”

“**THAT** staff be requested to prepare a budget based on a 0% tax rate increase;”

A recorded vote was taken on the amendment to the motion.

Voting in favour: Councillor Fearnley

Voting against: Councillor Braithwaite
Councillor Dean
Councillor Mussatto
Councillor Sharp
Councillor Perrault
Mayor Loucks

The motion was **DEFEATED** by a vote of six to one.

The original motion was then **CARRIED.**

Councillor Fearnley is recorded as voting contrary to the original motion.

4. (c) **1998 Sewerage & Drainage Utility Rates - File: 1630-03-03-01**

Report: Acting City Engineer and Acting Director of Finance,
December 2, 1997

Moved by Councillor Mussatto, seconded by Councillor Sharp

PURSUANT to the report of the Acting City Engineer and the Acting Director of Finance, dated December 2, 1997, entitled "1998 Sewerage & Drainage Utility Rates":

THAT the Sewerage and Drainage Utility Provisional Budget, dated December 3, 1997, be approved;

AND THAT the "Sewerage & Drainage Utility Bylaw, 1995, No. 6746, Amendment Bylaw, 1997, No. 6966", be considered;

AND THAT the Drainage Levy to be included in the 1998 Property Tax be Option "C" as set out and described in the December 2, 1997 report.

A recorded vote was taken on the motion.

Voting in favour: Councillor Braithwaite
Councillor Mussatto
Councillor Sharp
Mayor J.E. Loucks

Voting against: Councillor Dean
Councillor Fearnley
Councillor Perrault

The motion was **CARRIED** by a vote of four to three.

(d) **1998 Water Utility Rates - File: 1630-03-03-01**

Report: Acting City Engineer and Acting Director of Finance,
December 2, 1997

Moved by Councillor Dean, seconded by Councillor Perrault

PURSUANT to the report of the Acting City Engineer and the Acting director of Finance, dated December 2, 1997, entitled "1998 Water Utility Rates":

THAT "Water Utility Bylaw, 1994, No. 6417, Amendment Bylaw, 1997, No. 6972", be considered;

AND THAT the Water Utility 1998 provisional budget dated December 3, 1997 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. (g) **Council Committees and Appointments Effective
December 8, 1997 - November, 1998**

(i) **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 appoints the above persons to the City's Standing Committees for the period December 8, 1997 through November, 1998.

4. (g) **Council Committees and Appointments Effective
December 8, 1997 - November, 1998 - Continued**

(ii) **APPOINTMENTS TO SPECIAL COMMITTEES
CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER**

.1 **Advisory Design Panel**

Councillor B.W. Perrault

.2 **Advisory Planning Commission**

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

.3 **Affordable Housing Task Force**

Councillor J.B. Braithwaite

.4 **Athletic Commission**

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

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

Councillor S.J. Dean

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

Councillor B.W. Perrault

.7 **Communities in Bloom**

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

.8 **Council Indemnity Review Committee**

Councillor J.B. Braithwaite

.9 **Environmental Committee**

Councillor B.A. Sharp

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

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

4. (g) **Council Committees and Appointments Effective**

December 8, 1997 - November, 1998 - Continued

.11 Joint Strategic Planning Committee

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

.12 Labour Relations Steering Committee

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

.13 Noise Control Committee

Councillor J.B. Braithwaite (Chair)

.14 Police Liaison Committee (City)

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

.15 Social Planning Advisory Committee

Councillor J.B. Braithwaite

.16 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 Fearnley

THAT the appointments to the Special Committees of Council of the City of North Vancouver for the period December 8, 1997 through November, 1998 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. (g) **Council Committees and Appointments Effective
December 8, 1997 - November, 1998 - Continued**

(iii) **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO JOINT MUNICIPAL
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 Fearnley

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 8, 1997 through November, 1998.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

.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 Dean, seconded by Councillor Fearnley

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 8, 1997 through November, 1998.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**4. (g) Council Committees and Appointments Effective
December 8, 1997 - November, 1998 - Continued**

.3 Advisory Committee on Disability Issues

Councillor D.R. Mussatto

.4 Community Use Of Schools Committee

Councillor B.W. Perrault

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

Councillor S.J. Dean (Co-Chair)

Councillor R.J. Fearnley

Mayor J.E. Loucks

.6 Kiwanis Senior Citizens Homes Ltd. - Board of Directors

Mr. B.A. Hawkshaw, City Clerk

.7 North and West Vancouver Emergency Program

Councillor B.A. Sharp

Mayor J.E. Loucks (Alternate)

.8 North Shore Arts Commission

Councillor B.W. Perrault

.9 North Shore Neighbourhood House

Councillor D.R. Mussatto

.10 North Shore Regional Health Liaison Committee

Councillor R.J. Fearnley

.11 North Shore Union Board of Health

Councillor J.B. Braithwaite

.12 North Vancouver Bicycle Advisory Committee

Councillor D.R. Mussatto

4. (g) **Council Committees and Appointments Effective December 8, 1997 - November, 1998 - Continued**
- .13 **North Vancouver Chamber Of Commerce**
Councillor S.J. Dean
 - .14 **North Vancouver Community Arts Council**
Councillor R.J. Fearnley
 - .15 **North Vancouver Family Court and Youth Justice Committee**
Councillor B.A. Sharp
 - .16 **North Vancouver Museum and Archives Commission**
Councillor B.W. Perrault
 - .17 **North Vancouver Recreation Commission**
Councillor D.R. Mussatto
 - .18 **Presentation House (B.C. Photography & Media Arts Society)**
Councillor D.R. Mussatto
 - .19 **Presentation House - Theatre**
Councillor R.J. Fearnley
 - .20 **Silver Harbour Centre - Grants Review Committee**
Councillor J.B. Braithwaite
 - .21 **West Vancouver Coho Festival Committee**
Councillor S.J. Dean

Moved by Councillor Dean, seconded by Councillor Fearnley

THAT the appointments of the Representatives of Council to Joint Municipal Committees and other Agencies for the period December 8, 1997 through November, 1998 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. (g) **Council Committees and Appointments Effective
December 8, 1997 - November, 1998 - Continued**

(iv) **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 Fearnley

THAT the appointments of Acting Mayors for the period December 8, 1997 through November, 1998 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(v) **APPOINTMENTS OF COURTS OF REVISION**

.1 **Frontage Tax Assessment Roll**

All members of Council

Moved by Councillor Dean, seconded by Councillor Fearnley

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 UNANIMOUSLY

.2 **Sewer Parcel Tax Assessment Roll**

All members of Council

Moved by Councillor Dean, seconded by Councillor Fearnley

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION - Continued

(b) Reduction of Heavy Truck Traffic from City Streets by BC Rail Company - File: 4100-01/4000-01

Moved by Councillor Dean, seconded by Councillor Sharp

THAT consideration of Item 5.(b) be deferred to the next regular meeting of Council scheduled for December 15, 1997.

CARRIED

6. BYLAWS

(b) Introduction and First Three Readings

Moved by Councillor Mussatto, seconded by Councillor Sharp that

- (i) "Sewerage and Drainage Utility Bylaw, 1995, No. 6746, Amendment Bylaw, 1997, No. 6966"

be introduced and read a first time in short form, copies of same having been distributed to Council members and read by them.

CARRIED

Councillor Dean, Councillor Fearnley and Councillor Perrault are recorded as voting contrary to the motion.

Moved by Councillor Mussatto, seconded by Councillor Sharp

THAT the said Bylaw No. 6966 be read a second time in short form.

CARRIED

Councillor Dean, Councillor Fearnley and Councillor Perrault are recorded as voting contrary to the motion.

Moved by Councillor Mussatto, seconded by Councillor Sharp

THAT the said Bylaw No. 6966 be read a third time in short form and passed subject to reconsideration.

CARRIED

Councillor Dean, Councillor Fearnley and Councillor Perrault are recorded as voting contrary to the motion.

6. (b) Introduction and First Three Readings – Continued

Moved by Councillor Dean, seconded by Councillor Fearnley that

- (ii) “Water Utility Bylaw, 1994, No. 6417, Amendment Bylaw, 1997, No. 6972”

be introduced and read a first time in short form, copies of same having been distributed to Council members and read by them.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Dean, seconded by Councillor Fearnley

THAT the said Bylaw No. 6972 be read a second time in short form.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Dean, seconded by Councillor Fearnley

THAT the said Bylaw No. 6972 be read a third time in short form and passed subject to reconsideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(c) Second and Third Readings

Moved by Councillor Sharp, seconded by Councillor Fearnley that

- (i) “Zoning Bylaw, 1995, No. 6700, Amendment Bylaw, 1997, No. 6961”, (Champions Karate/Cove Warehouses, 125 East 1st Street, CD-355)

be read a second time in short form.

CARRIED

Councillor Braithwaite is recorded as voting contrary to the motion.

Moved by Councillor Sharp, seconded by Councillor Fearnley

THAT the said Bylaw No. 6961 be read a third time in short form and passed subject to reconsideration.

CARRIED

Councillor Braithwaite and Councillor Perrault are recorded as voting contrary to the motion.

7. COUNCIL INQUIRIES (Questions of Council Members)

Nil.

Mayor Loucks presented a Certificate Of Achievement and 25 Year Pin to Councillor S.J. Dean in recognition of her 25 years of service to the citizens of the City of North Vancouver.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Sharp, seconded by Councillor Mussatto

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.