



**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 6, 1999 AT 7:30 P.M.**

PRESENT:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor B.A. Sharp
Councillor W.J. Bell
Councillor R.J. Fearnley
Councillor C.R. Keating
Councillor D.R. Mussatto
Councillor B.W. Perrault

ABSENT:

Councillor J.B. Braithwaite

STAFF MEMBERS

A.K. Tollstam, City Administrator
B.A. Hawkshaw, City Clerk
S.E. Dowey, Deputy City Clerk
T. Christie, Director of Finance
J. Laughlin, City Engineer
R.H. White, City Planner
R. Shore, Director of Human Resources
C. Turner, Director, Computer Services
B. Penman, Acting Fire Chief
D. Burgess, Acting Fire Chief
Supt. J. Graham, O.I.C. R.C.M.P.

The City Clerk called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. OATHS OF OFFICE AND OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honourable Mr. Justice R. J. Bauman administered the Oath of Office and Oath of Allegiance to Mayor B.A. Sharp.

Retiring Mayor, J. E. Loucks, handed over the Chain of Office to newly elected Mayor B.A. Sharp.

The Honourable Mr. Justice R. J. Bauman administered the Oaths of Office and Oaths of Allegiance to Councillor W.J. Bell, Councillor R.J. Fearnley, Councillor C.R. Keating, Councillor D.R. Mussatto and Councillor B.W. Perrault.

The City Clerk advised that the Oath of Office and Oath of Allegiance for Councillor J.B. Braithwaite were administered earlier this afternoon.

2. INVOCATION

Father John Barry, St. Edmunds Roman Catholic Church, gave the invocation.

3. VOTE OF THANKS

- (a) Councillor Perrault made a presentation to Honourable Mr. Justice R. J. Bauman and thanked him for his participation at the meeting.
- (b) Councillor Bell made a presentation to Father John Barry, St. Edmunds Roman Catholic Church, and thanked him for his participation at the meeting.
- (c) Councillor Mussatto made a presentation to R.C.M.P. Colour Party Constable Charly Flesher and thanked her for her participation at the meeting.

4. PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Sharp presented retiring Councillor, Stella Jo Dean, with a 27 year Retirement Scroll and a Silver Goblet.

Mayor Sharp presented retiring Mayor, John Edwin Loucks, with a 25 year Retirement Scroll, a Silver Goblet, a 25 year pin and a Ceremonial Gavel signifying his 22 years as Chair of Council.

5. INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Mayor Sharp introduced honoured guests present in the gallery.

6. MAYOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

Her Worship, Mayor Barbara A. Sharp, delivered the following address:

Honoured guests, members of Council, ladies and gentlemen, it is my privilege this evening to present to our citizens my first Inaugural Address which will focus on the major projects we aim to achieve over the coming three years.

I am very pleased to congratulate our returning Councillors, John Braithwaite who, unfortunately, is not with us tonight because he is in Lions Gate Hospital, Barbara Perrault, Darrell Mussatto, and Bob Fearnley. I am also pleased to congratulate Bill Bell on his return to our Council after an absence of three years, and to welcome Craig Keating, our newly elected member. I know our Council will have a successful and productive term of office, which, as always, will be complemented by the able assistance of our City staff members.

I must also recognize the dedication and achievements of our two retiring Council members, Jack Loucks and Stella Jo Dean. Over the last few weeks there have been a number of occasions where these two individuals have been praised and congratulated for their service to the City of North Vancouver. Service, which exceeds 25 years for each of them. I will now say a very sincere thank you on behalf of Council and all our citizens to both of them, as well as wish them both a well deserved, happy, healthy, and fulfilling retirement.

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6. MAYOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS – Continued

I would also like to express our thanks to the Honourable Mr. Justice Bob Bauman for performing the Swearing-in Ceremony, to Father John Barry of St. Edmunds Roman Catholic Church for performing the Invocation, and to Constable Charly Flesher of the North Vancouver RCMP Detachment. All of your contributions greatly enhance this Inaugural meeting and are sincerely appreciated.

I would also like to express, on behalf of Council and the citizens of the City, appreciation to all those many dedicated volunteers who serve without remuneration as Council appointees on our numerous committees, commissions and Boards. The contribution they make to the ongoing development of our municipality is immeasurable. They, along with the many dedicated citizens who devote countless hours to community, school, sports and youth activities all contribute to making our City the successful community that it is.

Thanks also to members of the media, the *North Shore News* for its regular coverage of our Council meetings, to Rogers Cable, CKWX, CKNW, the *Vancouver Sun*, and our newest newspaper, the *North Shore Outlook*, for their coverage. The work of the media plays a critical role in keeping our community regularly informed of the issues facing the City as well as the positive activities that take place in and about our City.

Over the next few years we will be dealing with development throughout the City which will make for busy and exciting times. This development activity will create significant improvements to the lands involved, and a positive change for the City overall. Marketing of the City owned sites in Lower Lonsdale is well underway, with one site already sold and construction to commence in the spring of 2000. A highlight of the Lower Lonsdale area is the new Jack Loucks Court which will be the focus of the redevelopment along West 1st Street. We will also be dealing with the provision of new infrastructure and a new road network to support this exciting redevelopment project. The City has targeted the Lower Lonsdale area as a potential pilot project to provide a central heating plant system in pursuing the goal of energy-efficient sustainable development, and Council will be considering a business plan for this initiative in the near future.

Development of the former Fullerton Fill site now known as Harbourside Business Park is underway. The overpass to provide access to the site is scheduled for completion early this spring, and the new North Shore Automall will be opened in the fall. The remainder of the 65 acre site will be developed as a business park and we are pleased that greenspace and waterfront access will be included for all North Shore citizens to enjoy. In fact, the prospect of a walkway extending from the west side of this site all the way to the Versatile lands is a long standing dream we are working to make reality.

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6. MAYOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS – Continued

The development of the Versatile Lands is another very exciting project which will provide public amenities, a new hotel, walkways and piers with public access to the waterfront. The bylaws necessary to proceed with the development of this site are at Third Reading and Council is extremely enthusiastic about the vibrancy and life this development will bring to Lower Lonsdale.

Work will continue on the Official Community Plan update for the City as a whole, as well as implementation of the Social Plan. Through ongoing work, including the Community Amenities Study, the Lonsdale Recreation Centre Precinct Study and the Civic Centre Study, options are being developed for renovation or new development of a range of community-serving facilities. Over the coming years Council and the community will be able to participate in a renaissance of cultural and recreational facilities which is already starting with the approval of the Centennial Theatre renovation, which will officially start this month. In addition, a study being undertaken for our Library building will identify the type of space our Library needs to meet its strategic directions and the growing demand for different types of services.

Over the next several years with the completion of the Lonsdale Corridor master plan, a City Lighting master plan and a City-wide Parking study, we will be undertaking numerous programs to improve our overall public road and transportation system, including a stronger focus on public transit, parking, pedestrians and cyclists. In addition, work will continue to renew and upgrade our underground network of essential services with regard to water and sewer infrastructure. We look forward to completion of the bicycle route along the lower level, and are hopeful that discussions with the Squamish Nation will result in the location of a trail through their lands, as well as a Comprehensive Agreement respecting provision of services.

In terms of our Parks facilities, along with our regular upgrading program, we will begin work on the Kinsman field which will include bleachers and new lighting as well as a washroom facility. We will continue to pursue an artificial turf playing field for the City, as well as continue negotiations with the School District to establish Joint Use agreements to maximize the use of these public facilities. We have several environmental initiatives that will begin to take shape over the next few years, including various programs to promote stream stewardship and habitat compensation, the establishment of Environmentally Sensitive Areas, together with the development of an Environmental Protection Program. In addition, we will be pursuing a number of recommendations submitted to Council to ensure that sustainable planning, development and maintenance practices are maintained throughout the City. In addition, with the completion of the Cemetery master plan, we are now proceeding on a program of enhancements and maintenance upgrades to this unique facility.

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6. MAYOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS – Continued

Our citizens have long been well served by our public safety agencies and this dedication will continue into the future, with a particular focus by our fire, police and emergency programs on public education and involvement – for we all know that prevention is the best cure.

The City is also known for providing high quality customer service to our taxpayers. To continue this tradition, we will be expanding our Internet and other technological capabilities to ensure greater and easier access for our public. We will continue to seek ways to improve public involvement and participation. We will look to improve systems within the City to provide a streamlined business application process. We will also continue to ensure our staff members receive the training necessary to maintain and enhance their skills to the benefit of the City as a whole.

The City has a long, solid reputation for excellent fiscal management. My goal, which is shared by our newly elected Council, is to maintain this reputation. To help accomplish this goal, an improved long term financial planning process has been initiated which will see real public involvement in the budget process with a view to focusing on strategic issues. The development projects mentioned earlier will bring with them increased revenues which will assist us to retain our policy of setting taxes which are affordable to both our residential and business taxpayers, while providing amenities designed and built to serve City residents.

The future of the City of North Vancouver as it enters the 21st Century is bright indeed and brings with it many opportunities. I assure our citizens that this Council and our staff are well equipped to meet these challenges and respond to them with dedication, commitment, and vision. We will all work with unified commitment to ensure that the City of North Vancouver remains the best City in which to work, play and live.

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Mussatto

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

CARRIED

7. (a) APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE

All Members of Council
Mayor B.A. Sharp (Chair)
Councillor B.W. Perrault (Acting Chair)

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7. (a) **APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES - Continued**

.2 Policy Committee

All Members of Council

For Alternating Chair:

Councillor J. B. Braithwaite	Dec.	-	Jan.
Councillor D. R. Mussatto	Feb.	-	Mar.
Councillor W. J. Bell.....	April	-	May
Councillor B. W. Perrault	June	-	July
Councillor C. R. Keating	Aug.	-	Sept.
Councillor R. J. Fearnley	Oct.	-	Nov.

(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 B.A. Sharp hereby appointed the above persons to the City's Standing Committees for the period December 6, 1999 through December 4, 2000.

(b) **APPOINTMENTS TO SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Advisory Design Panel

Councillor R. J. Fearnley

Advisory Planning Commission

Councillor C. R. Keating
Mayor B. A. Sharp

City of North Vancouver Heritage Advisory Commission

Councillor D. R. Mussatto

City of North Vancouver Library Board

Councillor B. W. Perrault

Council Indemnity Review Committee

Councillor J. B. Braithwaite

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7. (b) **APPOINTMENTS TO SPECIAL COMMITTEES - Continued**

Environmental Protection Program Committee

Councillor C. R. Keating

Gardens Review Board – Park & Tilford Gardens

Mayor B. A. Sharp
Councillor D. R. Mussatto

Joint Strategic Planning Committee

Mayor B. A. Sharp (Chair)
Councillor W. J. Bell
Councillor B. W. Perrault

Labour Relations Steering Committee

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

Waterfront Industrial Noise Control Committee

Councillor J. B. Braithwaite (Chair)

Social Planning Advisory Committee

Councillor J. B. Braithwaite

Street Naming Committee

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

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Mussatto

THAT the appointments to the Special Committees of Council for the period December 6, 1999 through December 4, 2000 be approved.

CARRIED

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

.1 **Greater Vancouver Regional District**

Hospital, Sewerage and Drainage, and Water Districts

Mayor B.A. Sharp
Councillor J. B. Braithwaite (Alternate)

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Perrault

THAT Mayor B.A. Sharp, Director, and Councillor J. B. Braithwaite (Alternate), be appointed to the Greater Vancouver Regional District, Hospital, Sewerage and Drainage, and Water Districts for December 6, 1999 through December 4, 2000.

CARRIED

.2 **Greater Vancouver Regional District**

Labour Relations

Councillor W. J. Bell
Councillor B. W. Perrault (Alternate)
Mr. A.K. Tollstam, City Administrator (Labour Relations Administrative Committee)

Moved by Councillor Mussatto, seconded by Councillor Keating

THAT Councillor W. J. Bell (Labour Relations Committee), Councillor B. W. Perrault (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 6, 1999 through December 4, 2000.

CARRIED

.1 **Advisory Committee on Disability Issues**

Councillor C. R. Keating

.2 **Community Use of Schools Committee**

Councillor B. W. Perrault

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7. (c) **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO COMMITTEES
AND OTHER AGENCIES - Continued**

.3 Joint Police Liaison Committee (City & District of North Vancouver)

Councillor W. J. Bell
Councillor R. J. Fearnley
Mayor B. A. Sharp

.4 Joint Bicycle Advisory Committee

Councillor D. R. Mussatto

.5 Kiwanis Senior Citizens Homes Ltd. – Board of Directors

Mr. B. A. Hawkshaw, City Clerk

.6 North and West Vancouver Emergency Program

Councillor W. J. Bell
Mayor B. A. Sharp (Alternate)

.7 North Shore Arts Commission

Councillor B. W. Perrault

.8 North Shore Family Court & Youth Justice Committee

Mayor B. A. Sharp

.9 North Shore Neighbourhood House

Councillor W. J. Bell

.10 North Vancouver Chamber of Commerce

Councillor B. W. Perrault

.11 North Vancouver Community Arts Council

Councillor R. J. Fearnley

.12 North Vancouver Museum & Archives Commission

Councillor B. W. Perrault

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7. (c) **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO COMMITTEES AND OTHER AGENCIES - Continued**

.13 **North Vancouver Recreation Commission**

Councillor D. R. Mussatto

.14 **North Vancouver Restorative Justice Society**

Mayor B. A. Sharp

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

Councillor R. J. Fearnley

.16 **Presentation House (Theatre)**

Councillor C. R. Keating

.17 **Silver Harbour Centre – Grants Review Committee**

Councillor J. B. Braithwaite

Moved by Councillor Perrault, seconded by Councillor Mussatto

THAT the appointments of the Representatives of Council to Committees and other Agencies for the period December 6, 1999 through December 4, 2000 be approved.

CARRIED

(d) **APPOINTMENT OF ACTING MAYORS**

Councillor J. B. Braithwaite.....	December	-	January
Councillor D. R. Mussatto.....	February	-	March
Councillor W. J. Bell	April	-	May
Councillor B. W. Perrault	June	-	July
Councillor C. R. Keating	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 Mussatto, seconded by Councillor Keating

THAT the appointments of Acting Mayors for the period December 6, 1999 through December 4, 2000 be approved.

CARRIED

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

.1 **Frontage Tax Assessment Roll**

All members of Council

Moved by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Perrault

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 Bell, seconded by Councillor Perrault

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

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Mussatto, seconded by Councillor Bell

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.