

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, 141 WEST 14<sup>th</sup> STREET, NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C., ON MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2004 AT 6:00 P.M.

### **PRESENT:**

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mayor B.A. Sharp Councillor R.C. Clark Councillor R.J. Fearnley Councillor R.N. Heywood Councillor C.R. Keating \*Councillor D.R. Mussatto

### **ABSENT**:

Councillor B.W. Perrault

### **STAFF MEMBERS**

A.K. Tollstam, City Manager
B.A. Hawkshaw, City Clerk
S.E. Dowey, Deputy City Clerk
S. Ono, City Engineer
I. Gordon, Deputy Director of Finance
D. Pope, Manager, Environment and Parks
F.A. Smith, Director, Community Development

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

### 1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Heywood

**THAT** the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of January 5, 2004 be adopted as circulated.

### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

CONSENT AGENDA {Items 3 \*(a), 3 \*(b), 3 \*(c), 3 \*(d), 3 \*(e), 4 \*(a), 6 \*(b)(i), 4 \*(b), 4 \*(c), 4 \*(d), 4 \*(e) and (4) \*(f)}

Moved by Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Heywood

**THAT** the resolutions listed within the "Consent Agenda" of January 12, 2004, with the exception of items 3. \*(d) and 4. \*(d) be approved, as follows:

### 3. <u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>

### \*(a) Globe Foundation, Vancouver, November 2003

Re: Globe 8th Biennial Trade Fair & Conference on Business & The Environment, Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre, Vancouver, March 31 - April 2, 2004 – File: 1840-02-01

Requested by Mayor Barbara A. Sharp

**PURSUANT** to the correspondence dated November, 2003, received from the Globe Foundation regarding "Globe 8th Biennial Trade Fair & Conference on Business & the Environment":

**THAT** Council members be authorized to attend the Globe 8th Biennial Trade Fair & Conference from March 31 - April 2, 2004 to be held in Vancouver, BC;

AND THAT the expenses be paid in accordance with City Policy;

**AND THAT** the funds be provided from the 2004 Legislative Conventions and Delegations Account.

#### (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

# \*(b) J. Marvin Hunt, Chair, Board of Directors, Greater Vancouver Regional District, December 11, 2003

Re: Marine Emissions in Greater Vancouver Area Waterways File: 1180-01

**PURSUANT** to the correspondence dated December 11, 2003 received from J. Marvin Hunt, Chair, Board of Directors, Greater Vancouver Regional District, regarding "Marine Emissions in Greater Vancouver Area Waterways":

**THAT** the City of North Vancouver supports the following recommendation as set out in the December 11, 2003 correspondence:

"THAT the Greater Vancouver Regional District Board:

- (a) Urge the Federal Government to adopt the International Marine Organization (IMO) discharge standards for commercial passenger vessels within regulations under the Canada Shipping Act (CSA);
- (b) Request an update from the Federal Government on the status of the request by the Greater Vancouver Regional District and City of Vancouver for designation of Indian Arm and English Bay/False Creek as no-discharge zones under the federal Pleasure Craft Sewage Pollution Prevention Regulation."

# 3. \*(c) Ken Bradbury, A/Chair, North Shore Candlelight Committee, December 8, 2003.

Re: 6th Annual North Shore Candlelight Tribute - 18 September 2004

Requested by Mayor Barbara A. Sharp

**PURSUANT** to the correspondence dated December 8, 2003 received from the North Shore Candlelight Committee regarding the "6th Annual North Shore Candlelight Tribute - 18 September 2004":

**THAT** \$1,000.00 be granted to assist with the 6th Annual North Shore Candlelight Tribute on September 18, 2004;

**AND THAT** the funds be provided from the 2004 Special Events Grants Account.

(CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

\*(e) John Locher, City Manager, City of Fort St. John, B.C., November 26, 2003

Re: Alternative Justice Program Funding Grants

File: 1175-04-01

Requested by Mayor Barbara A. Sharp

**THAT** the correspondence dated November 26, 2003 received from John Locher, City Manager, City of Fort St. John, regarding "Alternative Justice Program Funding Grants", be referred to the North Shore Family Court & Youth Justice Committee for comment.

(CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

## 4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COUNCIL, AND STAFF

\*(a) Stream and Drainage System Protection Bylaw File: 3020-03-02 STEW

Report: Manager, Environment and Parks, December 19, 2003

**PURSUANT** to the report of the Manager, Environment and Parks dated December 19, 2003, entitled "Stream and Drainage System Protection Bylaw":

**THAT** the "City of North Vancouver Stream and Drainage System Protection Bylaw, 2003, No. 7541", be considered.

### 6. BYLAWS

### \*(b) Introduction and First Three Readings

(i) "City of North Vancouver Stream and Drainage System Protection Bylaw, 2003, No. 7541"

**THAT** Bylaw No. 7541 be read a first time in short form, copies of same having been distributed to Council members and read by them.

### (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

**THAT** the said Bylaw No. 7541 be read a second time in short form.

### (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

**THAT** the said Bylaw No. 7541 be read a third time in short form and passed subject to reconsideration.

(CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

## 4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COUNCIL, AND STAFF - Continued

\*(b) Relocation Policy for Mobile Carts - Jaca Innovations 17th and Lonsdale - File: 3045-04-18

Report: Property Use Inspector, Community Development, January 7, 2004

**PURSUANT** to the report of the Property Use Inspector, dated January 7, 2004, entitled "Relocation Policy for Mobile Carts - Jaca Innovations 17th and Lonsdale":

**THAT** the request by Jaca Innovations to relocate their mobile cart be approved.

# 4. \*(c) Business License Application for Twist Conditioning Inc. at Keith Business Centre - 1225 East Keith Road - File: 3045-01

Report: City Planner, Community Development,

December 29, 2003

**PURSUANT** to report of the City Planner, dated December 29, 2003, entitled "Business License Application for Twist Conditioning Inc. at Keith Business Centre - 1225 East Keith Road":

**THAT** Twist Conditioning Inc. be allowed to maintain a training area of 2400 square feet at 1225 East Keith Road for a maximum of 18 months as part of its Sports Conditioning Products business.

### (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

### \*(e) Sick and Severance Liability - Library - File: 1685-09

Report: Acting Manager of Financial Services, January 7, 2004

**PURSUANT** to the report of the Acting Manager of Financial Services, dated January 7, 2004, entitled "Sick and Severance Liability - Library":

**THAT** the City of North Vancouver transfer the accumulated funding for the sick and severance liability applicable to the Library staff to the North Vancouver City Library.

### (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

### \*(f) Sick and Severance Liability - Museum - File: 1685-09

Report: Acting Manager of Financial Services, January 7, 2004

**PURSUANT** to the report of the Acting Manager of Financial Services, dated January 7, 2004, entitled "Sick and Severance Liability - Museum":

**THAT** the City of North Vancouver transfer the accumulated funding for the City's share of the sick and severance liability applicable to the Museum staff to the North Vancouver Museum and Archives Commission.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### END OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS.

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Clark

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

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Clark

THAT a verbal report of Councillor D.R. Mussatto regarding "Park & Tilford Gardens – Labour and Staffing Issues" be added to the agenda, in camera, as item 9. (I), this evening.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

#### 9. **CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**

Moved by Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Keating

**THAT** the meeting recess to the Committee of the Whole in camera, to consider the items as listed under Section 9 of the Council Agenda, for the following reasons respectively, for each item:

- 9(a) Section 90 (1) (i)
- 9(b) Section 90 (1) (m)
- Section 90 (1) (b) 9(c)
- 9(d) Section 90 (2) (b)
- Section 90 (1) (a) 9(e)
- Section 90 (1) (a) 9(f)
- 9(g) Section 90 (1) (a)
- 9(h) Section 90 (1) (a)
- 9(i) Section 90 (1) (a) Section 90 (1) (a) 9(j)
- Section 90 (1) (a) 9(k)
- Section 90 (1) (m) 9(I)

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting recessed at 6:02 p.m., and reconvened at 8:57 p.m., with the same personnel present and with the addition of \*Councillor Mussatto.

### 9.1 REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Moved by Councillor Mussatto, seconded by Councillor Keating, that the following recommendation of the Committee of the Whole in camera be ratified:

(c) Charitable Donations - Sidewalks - File: 4150-15-01/1110-13-01

Report: Assistant City Engineer, December 22, 2003

**PURSUANT** to the report of the Assistant City Engineer, dated December 22, 2003, entitled "Charitable Donations – Sidewalks":

**THAT** the donor be thanked for his offer to contribute \$1,500.00 towards the cost of the construction of a sidewalk on the East side of St. George's Avenue between the lane north of 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Street;

**AND THAT** this donation be accepted;

**AND THAT** the donor be advised that the City will commence construction of the sidewalk once it has received contributions totaling \$3,000.00 (the City's estimation of one-half the cost of the works), towards the cost of the construction of a sidewalk on the East side of St. George's Avenue between the lane North of 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

**CARRIED** 

Councillor Clark is recorded as voting contrary to the motion.

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

(d) Provincial Downloading, The City of North Vancouver and BC Rail - File: 4130-01

Report: Manager - Special Projects, January 5, 2004

**PURSUANT** to the report of the Manager - Special Projects, dated January 5, 2004, entitled "Provincial Downloading, The City of North Vancouver and BC Rail":

**THAT** the Mayor be authorized to initiate discussions with appropriate Provincial Government officials;

**AND THAT** local MLA's be invited to an in camera discussion of the issues.

# 9.1 (e) Appointments to the Advisory Planning Commission File: 1085-03-A3-01

Report: City Clerk, December 27, 2003

**PURSUANT** to the report of the City Clerk dated December 27, 2003, entitled "Appointments to the Advisory Planning Commission":

**THAT** Mr. Hamid Najian be re-appointed for a three-year term to conclude on January 31, 2007;

**AND THAT** Ms. Melanie Marchand and Mr. Guy Dinoto be appointed for a three-year term to conclude on January 31, 2007.

### (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

(f) Appointments to the Advisory Design Panel File: 1085-03-A1-01

Report: City Clerk, December 27, 2003

**PURSUANT** to the report of the City Clerk dated December 27, 2003, entitled "Appointments to the Advisory Design Panel":

**THAT** Mr. Derek Lee, Landscape Architect, be appointed for a two-year term to conclude on January 31, 2006;

**AND THAT** Mr. Paul Kernan, Architect Representative, be re-appointed for a two-year term to conclude on January 31, 2006;

**AND THAT** Mr. Mehrdad Rahbar, Community Representative, be reappointed for a two-year term to conclude on January 31, 2006.

## (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

(g) Appointments to the Social Planning Advisory Committee File: 1085-03-S11-01

Report: City Clerk, December 27, 2003

**PURSUANT** to the report of the City Clerk dated December 27, 2003, entitled "Appointments to the Social Planning Advisory Committee":

**THAT** Mr. Martin Stuible, and Ms. Margaret Coates be re-appointed for a further two-year term to conclude on January 31, 2006;

**AND THAT** Ms. Mina Sadat Vafaei, Youth Representative, be reappointed for a two-year term to conclude on January 31, 2006;

# 9.1 (g) Appointments to the Social Planning Advisory Committee File: 1085-03-S11-01 - Continued

**AND THAT** Mr. John Cruickshank be appointed for a two-year term to conclude on January 31, 2006.

(CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

# (h) Appointments to the Heritage Advisory Commission File: 1085-03-C2-01

Report: City Clerk, December 27, 2003

**PURSUANT** to the report of the City Clerk dated December 27, 2003, entitled "Appointments to the Heritage Advisory Commission":

**THAT** Ms. Maureen Curtis, Ms. Mary-Anne Dedora and Mr. Scott Peters be re-appointed for a two-year term to conclude on January 31, 2006;

**AND THAT** Ms. Helen Goodland be appointed to complete the term of Mr. Eric Sandberg, to conclude on January 31, 2005.

### (CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)

# (j) Appointments to the Waterfront Industrial Noise Control Committee - File: 1085-03-N2-01

Report: City Clerk, December 27, 2003

**PURSUANT** to the report of the City Clerk dated December 27, 2003, entitled "Appointments to the Waterfront Industrial Noise Control Committee":

**THAT** Mr. Steve Cervenko and Mr. Don Pullen be re-appointed for a further three-year term to conclude on January 31, 2007;

**AND THAT** the vacancies of Mr. Harold Holmes and Mr. Val Roberton not be filled until such time as the Terms of Reference for the Waterfront Industrial Noise Control Committee have been revisited.

# 9.1 (k) Appointments to the Public Art Program Steering Committee File: 1085-03-N3-01

Report: City Clerk, December 27, 2003

**PURSUANT** to the report of the City Clerk dated December 27, 2003, entitled "Appointments to the Public Art Program Steering Committee":

**THAT** Mr. Matt Hansen be re-appointed for a two-year term to conclude on January 31, 2006 as the Architect/Urban Planner Representative;

**AND THAT** Ms. Janis Blyth be re-appointed for a two-year term to conclude on January 31, 2006, as one of the two Artist Representatives;

**AND THAT** Ms. Carole Badgley be re-appointed for a two-year term to conclude on January 31, 2006, as the Educator/Curator Representative;

**AND THAT** Ms. Lee Barnes be appointed for a two-year term to conclude on January 31, 2006 to fill the vacancy of one of two Artist Representatives;

**AND THAT** Mr. Kerry Kukucha be appointed for a two-year term to conclude on January 31, 2006 to fill the vacancy of the Developer Representative;

**AND THAT** Ms. Ute Stein be appointed for a two-year term to conclude on January 31, 2006 to fill the vacancy of the Community Representative.

#### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Heywood left the meeting stating a perceived conflict of bias with regards to item 9.1 (i) as his wife is one of the nominees to the Arts & Culture Commission of North Vancouver.

Moved by Councillor Mussatto, seconded by Councillor Clark, that the following recommendation of the Committee of the Whole in camera be ratified:

(i) Appointments to the Arts & Culture Commission of North Vancouver- File: 1085-03-N3-01

Report: City Clerk, December 27, 2003

**PURSUANT** to the report of the City Clerk dated December 27, 2003, entitled "Appointments to the Arts & Culture Commission of North Vancouver":

**THAT** Ms. Margaret (Peggy) Heywood and Ms. Patricia Fox be appointed for a two-year term to conclude on January 31, 2006;

# 9.1 (i) Appointments to the Arts & Culture Commission of North Vancouver- File: 1085-03-N3-01 – Continued

**AND THAT** Mr. Eury Chang be appointed as the Artist Representative for a partial term to conclude on January 31, 2005 to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Jane Lowery.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

Councillor Heywood returned to the meeting.

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

Nil.

### 2. **DELEGATIONS**

Nil.

### 3. CORRESPONDENCE – Continued

(d) Derek Corrigan, Mayor, City of Burnaby, December 18, 2003

Re: Bill 75 - Significant Projects Streamlining Act

File: 1040-03-U1-01/1175-04-01

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Mussatto

**PURSUANT** to the correspondence dated December 18, 2003 received from Mayor Derek Corrigan, City of Burnaby, regarding "Bill 75 - Significant Projects Streamlining Act":

**WHEREAS** Bill 75 provides the Provincial Government with sweeping powers to override Local Government bylaws, plans, policies and powers;

**AND WHEREAS** Bill 75 allows the Province to override Local Government jurisdiction not only for Provincial projects, but also for private or mixed public/private projects if the Province considers these to be in the broader Provincial interest;

**AND WHEREAS** the autocratic powers granted to the Province under Bill 75 have the potential to seriously undermine the current structure for ensuring cohesive Regional/Municipal land use planning and the important public safety protection that Local Government involvement brings to project development;

**AND WHEREAS** Bill 75 contradicts the Provincial promotion of the Community Charter as a vehicle for recognizing Local Government as a responsible and autonomous level of government;

3. (d) Derek Corrigan, Mayor, City of Burnaby, December 18, 2003
- Continued

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City of North Vancouver advise all Local Governments in the Province of British Columbia that the City of North Vancouver is prepared to contribute to the legal costs of any British Columbia Local Government initiating a legal challenge to Bill 75.

Moved by Mayor Sharp, seconded by Councillor Fearnley

**THAT** consideration of the motion be deferred to staff to come forward with some ideas as to how we can support this without a pre-determined amount for the legal costs.

**CARRIED** 

- 4. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COUNCIL, AND STAFF Continued
  - (d) Signing Officers for City Bank Accounts at Royal Bank File: 1640-02-07

Report: Acting Manager of Financial Services, January 7, 2004

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Mussatto

**PURSUANT** to the report of the Acting Manager of Financial Services, dated January 7, 2004, entitled "Signing Officers for City Bank Accounts at the Royal Bank":

**THAT** the signing officers for City bank accounts be amended to allow any two of the Mayor, Director of Finance, Deputy Director of Finance, Manager of Financial Services, or Acting Manager of Financial Services to sign cheques drawn on the City of North Vancouver bank accounts at the Royal Bank.

CARRIED

Councillor Clark is recorded as voting contrary to the motion.

### 4. (g) Canada Day 2004 Fireworks Proposal - File: 4455-03-C3

Report: Manager, Environment and Parks, January 7, 2004

Moved by Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Fearnley

**PURSUANT** to the report of the Manager, Environment and Parks dated January 7, 2004, entitled "Canada Day 2004 Fireworks Proposal":

**THAT** the letter received from Councillor John E. Clark, District of West Vancouver, dated December 12, 2003, be forwarded to the Community Events Working Group with a request that they consult with the Canada Day Committee and subsequently submit their recommendation for Council consideration.

### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### (h) Low 'E' Window Glass - File: 3310-01

Report: Building Inspector, Community Development, January 6, 2004

Moved by Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Keating

**PURSUANT** to the report of the Building Inspector, Community Development, dated January 6, 2004, entitled "Low 'E' Window Glass":

**THAT** staff include the suggestion of requiring 'Low-E' glass in a broader review of "high performance buildings" in keeping with the increased energy efficiency goals and objectives of the Official Community Plan.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

# (i) Silver Harbour Centre - 2004 Municipal Grants File: 1040-03-S1/1670-03-04

Report: Silver Harbour Grant Committee, December 11, 2003

Moved by Councillor Mussatto, seconded by Councillor Keating

**THAT** the report dated December 11, 2003 from the Silver Harbour Grant Committee regarding "Silver Harbour Centre - 2004 Municipal Grants" be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

### 5. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Recognition of the life of Rachel Davis File: 1090-04-01/4440-01

Submitted by Mayor Barbara A. Sharp

Moved by Mayor Sharp, seconded by Councillor Mussatto

**WHEREAS** Rachel Davis was a vibrant and caring young woman whose life was tragically cut short when she intervened in a fight to protect a threatened individual against a group of attackers;

**AND WHEREAS** Rachel Davis was widely known in the Skateboarding community throughout the Greater Vancouver area;

**AND WHEREAS** the City of North Vancouver is officially opening a new state of the art Skateboard park on May 1st, 2004;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council direct staff to explore some form of recognition of the life of Rachel Davis in consultation with her family and the City of North Vancouver Youth Advisory Skate Park Committee.

A recorded vote was taken on the motion.

Voting in favour: Councillor Mussatto

Councillor Keating Mayor Sharp

Voting against: Councillor Fearnley

Councillor Heywood Councillor Clark

The motion was **<u>DEFEATED</u>** by a vote of three to three.

(b) Resolution to Oppose Bill 85: BC Hydro Public Power Legacy and Heritage Contract Act, December 2003
File: 1020-03/1195-11-B7-01

Submitted by Councillor R.C. Clark

Moved by Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Keating

**WHEREAS** the Government of British Columbia passed the *BC Hydro Public Power Legacy and Heritage Contract Act* ("Bill 85") in the Legislature on November 19, 2003;

5. (b) Resolution to Oppose Bill 85: BC Hydro Public Power Legacy and Heritage Contract Act, December 2003
File: 1020-03/1195-11-B7-01 - Continued

**AND WHEREAS** the BC Government has not consulted with British Columbians about the implications of Bill 85;

**AND WHEREAS** Sections 2(2) (a), (b), and (c) of Bill 85 allow the BC Government to dispose of generation, storage, transmission, and distribution assets of BC Hydro for vague and arbitrary reasons such as:

- (a) the assets are no longer "<u>used</u>" or seen as "<u>useful</u>" [in the public sector];
- (b) the assets are no longer "<u>fit for their intended purpose</u>" [in the public sector];
- (c) the assets are to be "replaced" [by the private sector];

**AND WHEREAS** Section 3 of Bill 85 allows the Lieutenant Governor in Council, also known as Cabinet, to override decisions about electricity rates made by the BC Utilities Commission - an arm's length regulatory body for BC Hydro;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The Corporation of the City of North Vancouver calls upon the BC Government to:

- 1. Immediately repeal Bill 85;
- Hold broad and meaningful consultations with British Columbians about the future of BC Hydro and our Province's electricity system;
- 3. Reverse all legislative, regulatory, and contractual measures to date which give (or potentially give) control of BC Hydro and its assets to the private sector;

**AND THAT** a copy of this motion be forwarded to all Union of British Columbia municipalities for their perusal and endorsement.

A recorded vote was taken on the motion.

Voting in favour: Councillor Mussatto

Councillor Keating Councillor Clark Mayor Sharp

Voting against: Councillor Heywood

Councillor Fearnley

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

### 5. (c) Sale of Lions Gate Hospital Lands – File: 3300-07-02 15E301

Submitted by Councillor D.R. Mussatto

Moved by Councillor Mussatto, seconded by Councillor Keating

**WHEREAS** the Lions Gate Hospital complex is of critical importance to the residents of the North Shore and beyond;

**AND WHEREAS** there has been various expansion plans throughout the years by previous Hospital Boards to ensure that both current and future health care demands are adequately addressed for all users;

**AND WHEREAS** the current Vancouver Coastal Health Authority is putting up for sale, lands that were previously identified as future hospital expansion;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT representatives from the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority be requested to appear before Council and outline their future expansion plans and explain why the lands currently up for sale are not required for future hospital use before any rezoning applications are received by the City of North Vancouver from any group requesting rezoning of the lands currently up for sale.

### **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(d) To Request Provincial Action on the Threshold Level of Homeowner Grants – File: 1625-13

Mayor Sharp advised that she will present the following motion at the next regular meeting of Council:

**"WHEREAS** many homeowners of the City of North Vancouver and the North Shore in general will see a further loss of their homeowner grant for the 2004 assessments;

**AND WHEREAS** many property assessments on the North Shore have seen increases in excess of \$50,000 or more:

**AND WHEREAS** 5000 - 8000 homeowners in Vancouver and on the North Shore will see their homeowner grants disappear either partially or entirely due to extreme assessment increases;

**AND WHEREAS** the increases in assessments of homes impacts average families and seniors income levels;

**AND WHEREAS** the Provincial Government has not changed the level at which the homeowner grant phases out since 1996;

# 5. (d) To Request Provincial Action on the Threshold Level of Homeowner Grants – File: 1625-13 – Continued

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council ask the Provincial Government to re-evaluate the level at which the homeowner grant begins to phase out;

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this resolution be sent to the Honourable Gary Collins, Minister of Finance, local MLA's, North Shore and Vancouver Local Governments and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities."

### 7. COUNCIL INQUIRIES (Questions of Council Members)

Nil.

### Recess - Public Question Period

Mayor Sharp declared a recess at 10:21 p.m., for the public question period and reconvened the meeting immediately.

### 10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Clark, seconded by Councillor Keating

**THAT** the meeting adjourn.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.