



**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 5, 2005 AT 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT:

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor D.R. Mussatto
Councillor P.J. Bookham
Councillor R.J. Fearnley
Councillor R.N. Heywood
Councillor C.R. Keating
Councillor B.W. Perrault
Councillor S.A. Schechter

STAFF MEMBERS

A.K. Tollstam, City Manager
S.E. Dowey, City Clerk
R.G. Anderson, Deputy City Clerk
F.A. Smith, Director, Community Development
T. Christie, Director of Finance
R. Shore, Director of Human Resources
Supt. G. Tomlinson, O.I.C./R.C.M.P.
B. Penman, Fire Chief
F. Caouette, Director, Corporate Services
S. Ono, City Engineer
J. Watkins, Chief Librarian
R. H. White, Deputy Director, Community Development
B. Taylor, City Solicitor
C. Amundsen, Executive Assistant to the Mayor
C. Rabold, Communications Manager
S. Wilson, Communications Co-ordinator

The City Clerk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. OATHS OF OFFICE AND OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honourable Madam Justice Mary Humphries administered the Oaths of Office and Oaths of Allegiance to Mayor D.R. Mussatto, Councillor P.J. Bookham, Councillor R.J. Fearnley, Councillor R.N. Heywood, Councillor C.R. Keating, Councillor B.W. Perrault and Councillor S.A. Schechter.

2. INVOCATION

Pastor Major Lynn Grice, The Salvation Army, North Vancouver Community Church, gave the invocation.

3. VOTE OF THANKS

- (a) Mayor Mussatto made a presentation to the Honourable Madam Justice Mary Humphries and thanked her for her participation at the meeting.
- (b) Mayor Mussatto made a presentation to Pastor Major Lynn Grice, The Salvation Army, North Vancouver Community Church, and thanked her for her participation at the meeting.
- (c) Mayor Mussatto made a presentation to R.C.M.P. Colour Party Constable Paulo Arreaga and Constable Babak Dabiri and thanked them for their participation at the meeting.
- (d) Mayor Mussatto made a presentation to Fire & Rescue Colour Party Firefighters Derek Dickson and Duncan Maillie and thanked them for their participation at the meeting.

4. PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Mussatto advised that gifts would be presented to both outgoing Mayor Barbara Sharp and outgoing Councillor Rod Clark.

5. INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Mayor Mussatto introduced honoured guests present in the gallery.

6. MAYOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

His Worship, Mayor Darrell R. Mussatto, delivered the following address:

“Honoured guests, members of Council, ladies and gentlemen; it is my privilege this evening to present to you, our citizens, my Inaugural Address for this, my first day as the City’s Mayor.

I would like to thank the voters for their support in electing me as their Mayor. I would also like to thank the voters for their participation in the democratic process. I am looking forward to working with this Council on behalf of the community over the next three years. Additionally, I would like to thank all candidates for putting their names forward for Mayor, Councillor and School Board.

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6. MAYOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS - Continued

I am pleased to congratulate our returning Council: Councillors Perrault, Keating, Fearnley, and Heywood and I welcome our newly elected members, Councillor Bookham and Councillor Schechter. I am confident this Council will ensure a successful and productive term of office, which as always, is supported tremendously by the assistance of all City staff.

I would like to recognize the dedication and achievements of two members of Council ending their terms of civic duty. Firstly, former Mayor Barbara Sharp for 18 years of service and commitment and dedication to the community. Best wishes to her as she moves on to new challenges and opportunities. Secondly, thank you to former Councillor Rod Clark for his work and achievements over 11 years of service to our community.

I also wish to thank to The Honourable Madam Justice Mary Humphries for performing the swearing-in ceremony, Pastor Major Lynn Grice of the North Vancouver Salvation Army Community Church, the RCMP Colour Guards, Constables Paulo Arreaga and Babak Dabiri and the City of North Vancouver Fire & Rescue Colour Guards, Firefighters Derek Dickson and Duncan Maillie.

Throughout the election, I heard from the members of this community that quality of life is a priority. Therefore, as Mayor, I will encourage Council and staff to pursue policies that will enhance the quality of life for all our citizens. In my role as Mayor, I will emphasize teamwork and consensus building to achieve results. This will be done in an open and positive environment with emphasis on listening and reaching out to all groups and sectors including residential owners, renters and businesses.

In the area of major initiatives, the City has engaged in a comprehensive strategic approach to redevelop the City Library and surrounding area known as Block 62. The development of this new library is moving forward, and the design phase will ensure that the buildings are constructed to meet high environmental and performance standards.

The re-establishment of the City's connection to our magnificent waterfront is now being realized through the new pier. The City's waterfront project is now in operation at the newly landscaped ferry landing at the foot of Lonsdale. As well, there is exciting potential regarding a National Maritime centre on our waterfront. For the next three years, the project will concentrate on the development of public and private lands along Burrard Inlet, improving public access to the water, and fostering regional cooperation in tourism and business development.

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6. MAYOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS - Continued

The Harry Jerome Master Plan project will resume this spring, following two major studies, and the refinement of development plans as well as a public consultation process.

The City's future transportation program will continue to support sustainability principles with a focus on pedestrian, cyclist and transit improvements, improving road safety and renewing existing infrastructure.

The City's Centennial in 2007 will be a significant milestone for our community. We look forward to working with the newly appointed Centennial Committee and the community as a whole to make the City's Centennial a memorable one.

Although we face financial challenges, the City is in sound fiscal shape. Through prudent fiscal management and a willingness to seek out creative funding solutions we will maintain this enviable status. Next year will be a financially challenging one as we face uncertainty around ports property taxation revenues, as well as the prospect of further assessment appeals. We have been proactive regarding the potential decreases in taxation revenue, and have recently adopted a Long Term Property Tax Strategy. Those strategies will be pursued when Council meets to prepare the 2006 budget.

The City supports emergency resources for the North Shore, including a new emergency ward, and a new station for paramedics, at Lions Gate Hospital.

The City has a highly competent and professional group of public safety staff. The Fire and Rescue Department, the police, and the Emergency Management Office are among the best public safety professionals in the Province, and we are reviewing ways to pool resources across the North Shore in order to establish areas of public safety specialization for the benefit of all.

The City has a history of caring for the disenfranchised, and this Council will continue to do so. Within our small municipality we accommodate a wide range of people with different incomes, housing needs, cultures and abilities. We are proud of our diversity and will continue to work with all sectors of our community. In addition, we are committed to working to retain City rental housing stock and tackle affordability issues.

We will work to expand our relationship with all levels of government to ensure that the City is recognized and supported on relevant issues.

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6. **MAYOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS - Continued**

We will work to expand and enhance our relationship with our First Nations neighbours to the benefit of all and look forward to meeting with them in the New Year.

The City continues to explore areas where cost savings can be realized through joint services with our two North Shore neighbours in order to better serve our community and increase efficiencies wherever possible.

The City continues to be the regional leader in municipal environmental initiatives. These include efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, "green" building initiatives, energy efficiency investigation of alternative vehicle fuels such as bio-diesel, hybrids in the municipal fleet, and integrated energy planning for a more sustainable community. We are leading the way in the area of municipal environmental sustainability.

In the area of open, two-way communication between City Hall and the public, the City has proactively improved its delivery of information to the community. The City is committed to pro-active communication with residents and businesses, and encourages participation and engagement in the civic process. We will continue to actively inform the community of City initiatives, issues, developments, challenges and successes through our various information vehicles such as the City website, weekly information ads in the local newspaper, information pieces, and public forums and open houses.

My personal promise to all constituents of a more open and responsive government, will be my primary focus. I plan to make a few hours available each week when my fellow residents can drop in to discuss their concerns and thoughts. I will create an inclusive and welcoming environment at City Hall and within Council Chambers, and I encourage all members of the public to take advantage of this new style of leadership at the City of North Vancouver."

Moved by Councillor Perrault, seconded by Councillor Keating

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

.1 Finance Committee

All Members of Council
Mayor D.R. Mussatto (Chair)
Alternate Chair: Acting Mayor

.2 Policy Committee

All Members of Council

For Alternating Chair:

Councillor B.W. Perrault December - January
Councillor C.R. Keating February - March
Councillor R.N. Heywood April – May
Councillor S.A. Schechter..... June – July
Councillor P.J. Bookham 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 C.R. Keating (Chair)
Alternate Chair: Acting Mayor

Moved by Councillor Heywood, seconded by Councillor Schechter

THAT the appointments to the Finance Committee, the Policy Committee and the Parks and Recreation Committee for the period December 5, 2005 through December 4, 2006 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. **APPOINTMENTS TO CITY BODIES**

(a) **MANAGEMENT BODIES** (Appointed Council members actively participate as a full voting member)

.1 City of North Vancouver Library Board

Councillor B.W. Perrault

.2 Gardens Review Board – Park & Tilford Gardens

Councillor P.J. Bookham and
Manager, Parks & Environment

.3 Joint Strategic Planning Committee

Mayor D.R. Mussatto (Chair)
All Members of Council

.4 Labour Relations Steering Committee

Mr. A.K. Tollstam, City Manager (Chair)
Mr. R. Shore, Director of Human Resources

.5 Public Art Program Steering Committee

Councillor P.J. Bookham

.6 Street Naming Committee

Councillor B.W. Perrault (Chair)
Mayor D.R. Mussatto
Councillor S.A. Schechter
Mr. A.K. Tollstam, City Manager

.7 Waterfront Industrial Noise Control Committee

Mayor D.R. Mussatto (Chair)

Moved by Councillor Bookham, seconded by Councillor Heywood

THAT the appointments to MANAGEMENT BODIES (Appointed Council members actively participate as a full voting member) for the period December 5, 2005 through December 4, 2006 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. **APPOINTMENTS TO CITY BODIES - Continued**

(b) **MANAGEMENT BODIES (Appointed Council members actively participate as a non- voting member)**

.1 **John Braithwaite Community Centre Governance Committee**

Councillor C.R. Keating

Moved by Councillor Heywood, seconded by Councillor Keating

THAT the appointment to MANAGEMENT BODIES (Appointed Council members actively participate as a non-voting member) for the period December 5, 2005 through December 4, 2006 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. **ADVISORY BODIES, SOCIETAL BODIES (Appointed Council members sit in a non-voting role to these bodies and attend regularly)**

.1 **Advisory Design Panel**

Councillor R.J. Fearnley

.2 **Advisory Planning Commission**

Councillor P.J. Bookham
Councillor S.A. Schechter

.3 **Cemetery Advisory Board**

Councillor R.N. Heywood

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

Councillor B.W. Perrault

.5 **Parks and Environment Advisory Committee**

Councillor R.J. Fearnley

.6 **Social Planning Advisory Committee**

Councillor S.A. Schechter

9. **ADVISORY BODIES, SOCIETAL BODIES (Appointed Council members sit in a non-voting role to these bodies and attend regularly) - Continued**

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Bookham

THAT the appointments to ADVISORY BODIES, SOCIETAL BODIES (Appointed Council members sit in a non-voting role to these bodies and attend regularly) for the period December 5, 2005 through December 4, 2006 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER BODIES AND AGENCIES WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER MUNICIPALITIES**

(a) **MANAGEMENT BODIES (Appointed Council Members actively participate as a full voting member)**

.1 **Joint Use Planning Committee (formerly Community Use of Schools Committee)**

Councillor R.J. Fearnley

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

Councillor P.J. Bookham
Councillor R.N. Heywood
Councillor B.W. Perrault

.3 **Lower Mainland Treaty Advisory Committee**

Councillor R.N. Heywood
A.K. Tollstam, City Manager

.4 **North Vancouver Police Committee (City of North Vancouver & District of North Vancouver)**

Mayor D.R. Mussatto
Councillor R.N. Heywood
A.K. Tollstam, City Manager

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10. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER BODIES AND AGENCIES WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER MUNICIPALITIES** - Continued

(a) **MANAGEMENT BODIES** (Appointed Council Members actively participate as a full voting member) - Continued

.5 North Shore Emergency Management Office Executive Committee

Councillor B.W. Perrault
Mayor D.R. Mussatto (Alternate)

.6 Arts & Culture Commission of North Vancouver

Councillor S.A. Schechter

.7 North Shore Family Court & Youth Justice Committee

Councillor R.N. Heywood

.8 North Shore Neighbourhood House

Councillor P.J. Bookham

.9 North Shore Task Force on Substance Abuse

Councillor S.A. Schechter

.10 North Vancouver Museum and Archives Commission

Councillor R.J. Fearnley

.11 North Vancouver Recreation Commission

Councillor B.W. Perrault
Councillor C.R. Keating

.12 Silver Harbour Centre – Grants Review Committee

Councillor C.R. Keating

.13 North Shore 2010 Leadership Committee

Mayor D.R. Mussatto

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10. **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER BODIES AND AGENCIES WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER MUNICIPALITIES** - Continued

(a) **MANAGEMENT BODIES** (Appointed Council Members actively participate as a full voting member) - Continued

14. **North Shore Transportation Advisory Committee**

Mayor D.R. Mussatto
Councillor C.R. Keating

(b) **ADVISORY BODIES, SOCIETAL BODIES** (Appointed Council Members act in non-voting role to these bodies and attend regularly)

.1 **Advisory Committee on Disability Issues**

Councillor R.N. Heywood

.2 **North Vancouver Joint Bicycle Advisory Committee**

Councillor S.A. Schechter

.3 **Vancouver Coastal Health/North Shore Local Governance Liaison Group**

Councillor P.J. Bookham

.4 **North Vancouver Chamber of Commerce**

Councillor C.R. Keating

.5 **North Vancouver Community Arts Council**

Councillor R.J. Fearnley

Moved by Councillor Perrault, seconded by Councillor Schechter

THAT the appointments to the MANAGEMENT BODIES (Appointed Council Members actively participate as a full voting member) and to the ADVISORY BODIES, SOCIETAL BODIES (Appointed Council Members act in non-voting role to these bodies and do attend regularly) for the period December 5, 2005 through December 4, 2006 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. **APPOINTMENTS TO THE GREATER VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT**

.1 Greater Vancouver Regional District Board of Directors, Sewerage and Drainage, and Water Districts.

Mayor D.R. Mussatto
Councillor C.R. Keating (1st Alternate) and
Councillor R.J. Fearnley (2nd Alternate)

Moved by Councillor Heywood, seconded by Councillor Schechter

THAT Mayor D.R. Mussatto, Director and Councillor C.R. Keating (1st Alternate) and Councillor R.J. Fearnley (2nd Alternate) be appointed to the Greater Vancouver Regional District Board of Directors, Sewerage and Drainage, and Water Districts for December 5, 2005 through December 4, 2006.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

.2 Greater Vancouver Regional District Labour Relations Bureau

Mayor D.R. Mussatto
Councillor B.W. Perrault (Alternate)
Mr. A.K. Tollstam, City Manager (Labour Relations Administrative Committee)

Moved by Councillor Schechter, seconded by Councillor Heywood

THAT Mayor D.R. Mussatto, (Labour Relations Committee), Councillor B.W. Perrault (Alternate - Labour Relations Committee) and Mr. A.K. Tollstam, City Manager (Labour Relations Administrative Committee) be appointed to the Greater Vancouver Regional District Labour Relations Bureau for the period December 5, 2005 through December 4, 2006.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. APPOINTMENT OF ACTING MAYORS

Councillor B.W. PerraultDecember - January
Councillor C.R. KeatingFebruary - March
Councillor R.N. HeywoodApril - May
Councillor S.A. Schechter.....June - July
Councillor P.J. BookhamAugust - September
Councillor R.J. FearnleyOctober - 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 Perrault, seconded by Councillor Bookham

THAT the appointments of the Acting Mayors for the period December 5, 2005 through December 4, 2006 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. APPOINTMENTS TO PARCEL TAX ROLL REVIEW PANEL

All Members of Council

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Bookham

THAT all Members of Council be appointed to the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel for the purpose of considering and dealing with Frontage Tax Assessment Rolls in connection with Local Improvement Projects.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Heywood

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.