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BURNABY FACES TAX INCREASES

LEGISLATION COULD COST \$374,000

Burnaby is waiting to absorb the full impact of legislation introduced in Victoria this week affecting the machinery tax and its mode of assessment. Municipal Manager Harold Baillie, as late as Tuesday afternoon, could not interpret the new legislation and was waiting for a copy of the bill before making comment.

He did say, however, that he expected the new legislation may restrict machinery assessment for school purposes only. Hitherto, Burnaby has assessed machinery not only for school purposes but also on the general purposes. The amount collected last year from the general rate portion of the machinery tax in Burnaby amounted to \$374,000. If the new legislation forbids this, it will mean that Burnaby must look to other sources to replace the \$374,000.

"It might be," added the manager, "that the new bill may provide a new basis for the business tax - and this could provide a means of replacing some of the money. The rest will have to be collected from property taxes, providing the municipality needs the money, and it is apparent that it will".

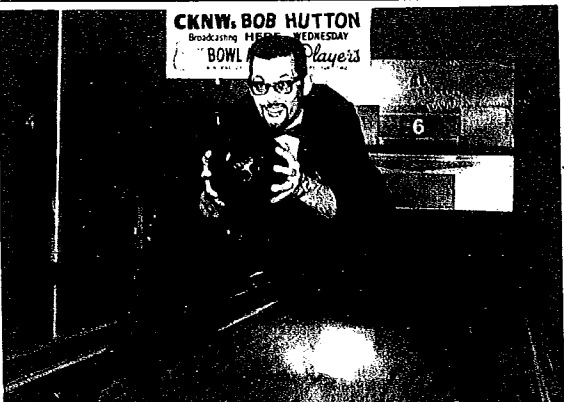
If the entire \$374,000 has to be recouped through property taxes it will mean an increase of about two mills per property next year. That would mean, for instance, about \$10 on a \$5,000 property.

The issue is still in the speculative stage, however, and cannot be determined until the bill (Cont. on page 2)

Liquor situation improves

During February there was a total of eleven prosecutions before the Burnaby Police court and juvenile court where liquor was involved. Of these there were six convictions under Section 61 (3) C.V.A. (Minor Intemperance) and of these six, one was a juvenile. The five remaining cases included one juvenile charged under Sec. 61 (3) C.V.A. (being on licensed premises) and four minor charges under the same section of the act.

The situation regarding liquor and juveniles is not serious and efforts to get at the supplier in these cases are constantly to the fore," reports Staff/Sgt. L. Backler.



HAM AND EGGS? Well, 'ham' anyhow... that's Bob Hutton of CKNW, a Burnaby resident who has the ear of thousands of loyal fans who depend on him to start their day off right! As part of his extra-curricular duties at CKNW, Bob recently visited Burnaby bowling alleys, meeting many of the women who make up part of his loyal audience. For more about Bob, turn to the full feature story presented in this issue of the Burnaby News Advertiser.

HIGH-RISE APARTMENTS STILL A LONG WAY OFF

High rise apartments are still a long way from becoming a reality in Burnaby. Despite weekly applications by developers, Council will not consider re-zoning for high-rise until a sociological and economic study has been concluded to decide the need and desirability of such projects within the municipality.

Such a study has become the task of Burnaby's new planner Anthony Parr, who feels it will take about ten months. Under pressure from Council, however, he agreed to make a faster but less thorough appraisal of the local situation which would decide: does Burnaby want high-rise; Will high rise buildings make Burnaby unattractive; and what effect will high-rise apartments have on the community.

Explaining Council's urgency in the matter, the Reeve told Parr that he was concerned. "This has gone on for years. Surely there's a lot of data compiled which we could draw on. High-rise is not unique - it's all over the place. I foresee a fair amount of criticism if we drag this out".

The Planner was obviously reluctant to rush the study, however. "There's a right and wrong

way to do things", he said. "We could do it in a week if we had to, but we wouldn't be able to subordinate our recommendations. As it is now we're going to cut the coat to suit the cloth."

MARTIN LUTHER KING SENDS HIS REGRETS

Martin Luther King, Jr., president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and highly respected anti-segregationist, has reluctantly declined an invitation by Reeve Allan Emmott to be guest speaker at the UBCCM Convention, which takes place in Burnaby this September. Wrote Mr. King: "My calendar reveals that the annual convention of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, of which I am President, will be held at the very time of your meeting. Please know that I deeply regret my inability to serve you. It is my hope that my schedule will soon ease up a bit so that I can accept an invitation to make an appearance in Burnaby."

Mr. King, Jr. was chosen TIME Magazine's 1963 "Man of the Year".

Friends honor Tom on 100th birthday

Tom Irving, a real pioneer of Burnaby, celebrated his 100th birthday last Saturday at a party given by the Golden Age Club in Deer Lake United Church.

More than 150 old friends gathered to wish him health and happiness, including Reeve Alan Emmott and his wife, and J.J. "May Day" Johnson, 94, of New Westminster.



Those present enjoyed a luncheon served by ladies of the Club under the supervision of Mrs. E. Coulter and assisted by the Explorers. A beautiful birthday cake was donated for the occasion by Woodward's Stores.

The other old timers of the Golden Age Club, M. Jensen, 85, and W. Barlett, 81, did an excellent job of ushering and made the afternoon a jolly one for Mr. Irving and his guests. Born in Belfast, Ireland in 1864, Tom Irving came to Canada when he was eight years old and moved to Burnaby 31 years ago. He participated in the Klondike Gold Rush in 1898 which brought him to the West. He worked for the P.C. Ryland and helped the West Burnaby Club from 1905 to 1910. He also worked for a few years in New Westminster at 222 2nd Street.

Tax Increases Expected over next three years

Burnaby property taxes will be raised this year, next year, and the year after that, Reeve Allan Emmott told the Burnaby Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting Monday at the Villa Mayor Hotel.

"If the people of the community want a reasonable standard of services this we shall have to do," he stated. "Once the improvements are made, people appreciate them. We have to have money."

Reeve Emmott explained the majority of municipal funds are gained from the taxation of real property. The municipal budget, he said, has gone from \$10,000 in 1893 to \$20,000,000, counting schools, in 1964.

His Worship also predicted monthly payment of property tax, saying an amendment to the Municipal Act is expected in the near future to make this type of

payment possible. Monthly payments of taxes is general throughout the continent, he said, and spreading widely.

The 1963 Sewer Bylaw should be completed by 1966, he explained, and will likely make necessary the borrowing of a further 6 1/2 million dollars.

Burnaby will also have to face the expenditure of about a million and one-half dollars for a public safety building, as well as financing the balance of the five-year Parks Bylaw and the various costs involved with Simon Fraser University.

Another possible financial burden is the replacement of revenue charged, up until now, to industrial machinery. New legislation may prohibit Burnaby from assessing the general rate on machinery in addition to school rate.

There has been talk that taxes could increase as much as two mills next year and up to four mills over the next three years.

Planner swamped

Burnaby's new planner, Anthony Parr, told Councillors this week it would take three to four years to clear up the reports and studies he inherited when he took over his job this month.

"And that is providing no more projects are assigned to us in the meantime," he said.

Listing numerous works now in the department (zoning, road study, land use, Hastings Street, apartments, etc) Mr. Parr asked that Council indicate priority items. These, he said could be done within a year with existing staff in the planning department.

Parr indicated he would like the department staff increased by one or more members to handle the accumulated work load.

FEBRUARY A HOT ONE

Burnaby Fire Department reports 46 fires attended during February, ten fires more than January.

Of these fires, 24 were buildings, five chimneys fires, seven vehicle fires, four miscellaneous, five bush and grass. Damages amounted to \$34,022.

The Department also answered 35 inhalator and emergency calls and made twelve public service calls.

North Burnaby Minor Baseball Association is holding a dual day on Friday night and Saturday to raise funds to develop Springer Avenue Park as a playing field. The boys presently play out of Brentwood Park.



SPRING SNOWFALL was greeted happily by Guy and Scott Jones, sons of Mrs. and Mrs. Norman Jones of 34 North Hill, Burnaby last Sunday. Snow fell deep near their home on Capital Hill to permit sleigh riding and snowball fights. (SYD BRUNT PHOTO)

Would change make-up HICKS WARNS COUNCIL PLANNING COMMISSION COULD BE 'PARTISAN'

Councillor Russell Hicks isn't happy with the way the present Advisory Planning Commission is set up and this week predicted several changes including an increase in the membership from 25 to 29 members.

Hicks said he felt the appointment by Council of just nine selected people gives rise to the creation of a "partisan" body. "We're getting opinion from too small a cross-section of the public," he stated.

The Commission, created last year, has nine members appointed at large by Council and five ex-officio members who sit in but do not have a vote.

Councillors other than Hicks, however, appeared to be satisfied with the present system of appointment and numbers of membership.

Councillor Hicks' motion to enlarge the Commission to 29 people, representing such organizations as Rataporters' Club, Community Association, the Vancouver Labour Council, Parent-Teacher Council, Retail Merchants Association, etc., was tabled pending research into neighbouring municipalities.

However, Hicks stated that Reeve Allan Emmott should call a meeting with the Advisory Planning Commission and discuss the problem. Hicks stated that he would like to see the number of members increased to 29.

"I don't think that it's a good idea to have other political groups do what the Council should be doing," Hicks said. "The Council should be the one to make these decisions."

Councillor Hicks' proposal would be a significant step in the direction of making the Planning Commission more representative of the community. Hicks said he would like to see the number of members increased to 29.

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100 YEARS OLD. Burnaby pioneer Tom Irving cuts his birthday cake at a party in Deer Lake United Church last Saturday. From left are Mrs. Olive Procter, President of the Golden Age Society, Mr. Irving, Mrs. Harry Clarke, Reeve and Mrs. Alan Emmott. (M. Pugh photo)