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BURNABY HAS NEW MAYOR

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By GORD ISFELD
Burnaby will have a new mayor Dec. 3.

On that date, Dave Mercier—an alderman for six years—will walk from his regular chamber seat and take his new position at the head of council.

Though only a short walk, it is one that has taken him since 1971—his first attempt at the mayor's chair.

On Saturday, Mercier and his Burnaby Voters Association slate swept up the majority of seats on

council electing five aldermen and reducing the number of Burnaby Citizens Association members of council to three. (Before the election call, the BCA had held the

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majority on council with four aldermen and the mayor.)

Mercier took 29 of the 37 polls in the municipality beating out Constable by 3,534 votes

to become the first BVA member ever elected in Burnaby.

Despite a low voter turn-out—less than 30 per cent this year as compared to 34 per cent in 1977—the polls showed the BVA to be the heavy favorite with five of their candidates out in front.

Topping the polls with 11,483 votes was veteran alderman, and former reeve and mayor Alan Emmott, with newcomer and former school board

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**Madrid's
stay
extended**

Council ratifies pay increases

Galindo Madrid—the 23-year-old refugee who jumped ship in Squamish—has been given a 12-month extension to his stay in Canada by immigration minister Ron Atkey.

Burnaby MP Svend Robinson told a news conference Saturday that Atkey reached the decision last week after

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Though Burnaby mayor-elect Dave Mercier says he's not in the job for the money—and will give his pay increase to charity—council Monday approved increases of 7.5 per cent for mayor and alderman.

Council gave third reading to a bylaw that will allow the annual indemnity for mayor to go from \$35,000 to \$37,000, with alderman receiving \$9,675 from \$9,000 last year.

But the decision did not come without a fight in the wake of election promises by some incumbent alderman.

Reiterating his stand while alderman, Mercier labelled the mayoral pay increases as "a lot of bull" and asked council to turn it down, adding that he could not vote against the aldermanic increases because he no longer would be affected by them. Mercier assumes the position of mayor Dec. 3.

Mercier said the people should run for mayor as a "community endeavor" and not as an opportunity to earn a professional wage.

Referring to his recent election as mayor, Mercier said people should sacrifice their private business opportunities "even if you get elected by mistake."

Ald. Brian Gunn, who recommended the increase earlier this month in his role as council finance liaison, called the mayor the "chief executive officer" for the municipality and added that a certain salary level is needed to attract "competent" people for the job.

"If anything," he said, "I think we underpay the mayor."

Ald. Doug Drummond supported Gunn's position by comparing pay increases awarded members of Burnaby's fire department.

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DAVE MERCIER CAN'T BELIEVE HIS GOOD FORTUNE. Mother Kathleen Sevcik, wife Mary and friends congratulate the new mayor on his stunning election victory over incumbent Tom Constable Saturday night at BVA headquarters. photo by JEAN HEIN

TAKES FIVE SEATS

BVA dominates school board

By BRIAN MacDONALD

A clothier, a pair of managers, a lawyer, and widow who merely wanted something to do with her time are the new ruling elite of the Burnaby school board.

The women's fashion clothier is the well-seasoned board chairman Gary Begin, who topped the polls for the Burnaby

Voters Association Saturday with 11,454 votes.

Placing a strong second, albeit 500 votes off Begin's mark, is board newcomer yet nonetheless experienced education manager, Charles Archibald. The combination of more than 20 years of experience teaching and a decade of supervisory and administrative service in

school district No. 41, the BVA tag on his literature, and the happy occasion of his name coming first on the ballot paper produced 10,925 votes. A close third was Cliff Murnane, a familiar name to voters and another manager. A former trustee as recently as 1977, and current Burnaby YM—YWCA direc-

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Following the civic elections last week in Burnaby, we continue to ask you what are the main issues facing the newly-elected council and school board members in BURNABY TODAY. Please turn to questionnaire form on page 4. Below, we ask Burnaby residents for their views.



SANDRA HAGEN
S. Burnaby

Our family worries about the traffic crisscrossing through Burnaby. Some people still live here, and I want my children to be able to go to school safely.



FRANK VACHA
S. Burnaby

Development-zoning laws-housing are all issues in Burnaby. Perhaps council should consider a land speculation tax similar to the one Ontario has.

REACHING 120,000 READERS BURNABY'S LARGEST NEWSPAPER

Constable sensed change early in public opinion

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trustee Don Brown coming second with 11,271 votes.

Also riding high was Vic Stusiak, a former alderman and one-time mayoralty candidate, with 10,769 votes. Incumbents Doreen Lawson and Bill Learne were next with 10,571 and 10,458 respectively.

Incumbent Fred Randall was first on the list for the BCA managing 9,257 votes, while fellow BCA incumbents Doug Drummond and Gerry Ast finished with 9,147 and 8,934.

Finishing out of contention were Mario Caravetta, Ken Maddison and Stan Fisher for the BVA, followed by the BCA's Russ Hicks, Derek Corrigan, Paul Bjarnason, Frank Boden and Celest Redman. Last in the polls was independent John "Doug" Drummond, Burnaby alderman

"hardest working campaign in 12 years" by the BVA.

"The public sensed that we were in tune with them," said the 40-year-old chartered accountant, adding that BVA party stood for "leadership, management and concern for the people."

The 58-year-old Constable, who first became mayor in 1973, said he sensed a change in public opinion a week before the election, and blamed himself for not working harder on his campaign.

Constable said he will be "taking it easy for a few weeks" and considering offers of employment that he feels will be coming to him shortly.

He indicated an intention to continue in political life, either provincially or federally.

"I'm not getting out of politics, that's for sure," he said.

Stusiak, who ran unsuccessfully for mayor two years ago, said that before



SO LONG TOM, SO GOOD TO KNOW YOU. Deposed mayor Tom Constable receives condolences at BVA headquarter while mayor-elect Dave Mercier looks on.

photo by JEAN HEIN

BURNABY ELECTIONS

He said the poor turnout at the polls indicated that the BCA vote stayed home resulting in a "large BVA vote."

The BVA, Constable said, put on a strong campaign, while the BCA campaign "didn't really get off the ground."

the election he had "a strong feeling that Tom was in trouble."

He labelled the election outcome as a "swing to the right" and added the general tendency of voters is to "throw out the incumbent."

Stusiak said the BVA aldermen will try and work together as much as possible on council, but they will probably "be in conflict as much as not."

Incumbent BVA alderman Lewarne said his party outworked the other party and were "more receptive to the ideas of all, and not just special interest groups."

Lewarne said he had not anticipated a voter sweep by Mercier, but said that the mayor-elect's support of extended shopping hours and the advertising campaign in local shopping centres and through the mail had "a dramatic effect."

stable in the election.

Drummond, incumbent BCA alderman, summed

up the results with: "when you don't work hard, you don't win," adding that he himself had not campaigned hard enough in some areas of Burnaby because of council com-

mitments. Referring to the confusion caused by former alderman "Doug" Drummond entering the election race for council, he said he "had two elections to win."

Salaries 'political game'—Randall

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ment over the last nine years with increases for council members.

Drummond said during that time fireman had received total wage increases of 238 per cent while members of council had only received 64.4 per cent.

He admitted that last year's increase of 22 per cent did act as a "catch-up."

Ald. Doreen Lawson likened Mercier's request to that of a judge who on his first day at work "lets all the prisoners loose."

However, Lawson added that she would support Mercier's position

this time "but not next year."

Ald. Fred Randall described the annual pay increase for council as a "political game" that he was no longer willing to play, and stated he would not support further increases until a more suitable system was found.

Council eventually approved third reading of the bylaw following attempts by aldermen to amend it to allow for no increases.

Voting for the increase were aldermen Gunn, Drummond, Alan Emmott and Gerry Ast.



OUTGOING ALDERMAN Brian Gunn commiserates with dejected BCA candidate Paul Bjarnason.

for 22 years and now a Freeman of the municipality who managed 5,409 votes.

The referendum put before the voters to dedicate part of the Oakalla lands for park was approved 16,684 to 3,747.

Though surprised by his sweeping win, Mercier said it was the result of the

Despite recent controversy such as that surrounding the Boundary Road and Hastings Street highrise proposal, Wednesday night shopping and morale within the Burnaby fire department, both Mercier and Constable claimed the election results reflected the 'time for a change' atmosphere in Burnaby.

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