



### Stop signs on Georgia

Several traffic situations were dealt with by Council this week as Council as the year moves quickly to a close.

Stop signs will be installed on both sides of Georgia Street at 17th to overcome a view obstruction.

School warning signs will be installed on Marine Drive east and west of 12th Avenue.

The bus stop at Kingsway and Griffiths will be relocated to a nearside position.

A request for an overpass at the West end of the 6900 block Hastings was refused.

Consideration will be given to changing the location of a future elementary school from the site bounded by Hastings, Dulhio, Union and Phillips, to a site on the north side of Hastings in order to avoid the need for pupils to cross Hastings.

### Committee to study harbour use

A Vancouver Harbour Land Use Committee has been established by the federal government to encourage land use planning which will affect six municipalities bordering on the Harbour, including Burnaby.

North Vancouver City Council has suggested that one elected representative from each of the six municipalities sit on the Committee as well as appointees from the federal and provincial governments and representatives from the Vancouver, North Vancouver, West Van Chamber of Commerce and the Vancouver Merchants Exchange.

### Building shows drop

It looks as though Burnaby may register an unusually slow year for construction unless a goodly number of permits are issued this month.

The total construction value so far this year is \$14,507,413 (\$135 permits) as compared to \$19,127,411 in a comparative time last year.

Residential single family construction has led the way this year with 711 permits issued and a total work value of \$4,900,036. Residential multiple family is second largest with a construction value of \$3,816,550. Industrial building totals \$3,210,475.

### Firm to get new burner

An "industrial waste burner" may be built in Burnaby, at 2450 Alpha Avenue.

The burner would be constructed of steel sheets fashioned after similar installations in Seattle. They are supposed to be able to operate in such a manner that no smoke is emitted.

Council expressed concern over the possibility of poisonous gasses being produced and therefore instructed the municipal manager to inform the applicants of the restrictions spelled out in Section 1991, section 12B, of the Municipal Act. All precautions must be taken to eliminate smoke, noise, nuisance, etc. If the burner does not conform, it will be shut down, say the councillors.

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### RCMP pessimistic over Grandview-Gilpin

"The snarled traffic situation at the Grandview-Douglas and Gilpin intersection is going to get worse, before it gets better warns Burnaby RCMP Inspector F. L. Jeeves.

Police have kept the intersection under surveillance since it was completed and reported "numerous" accidents since lights were installed.

Inspector Jeeves refused a request from the municipality asking that a man be stationed at the intersection to direct traffic by hand.

"Due to the geographical location of this intersection and the poor lighting, it would be very dangerous for a man to try to direct traffic by hand," he said.



HAPPY PAIR following last Thursday's municipal election is re-elected Reeve Alan Emmott and his wife June Emmott now starts his fourth term in office, this time with a Burnaby Citizens' Association majority to support him.

## Reeve indefinite on Hastings future

"Future use of the 3800 and 3900 blocks Hastings will not be determined until the properties thereon have been purchased by the municipality, said Reeve Emmott this week.

Replying to a written inquiry from Fred Hartley, secretary of the Burnaby Retail Merchants' Committee (Hastings Street), the Reeve stated that no rezoning would take place without a public hearing.

In a separate interview with the News-Advertiser, the Reeve reaffirmed his approval of encouraging high-rise apartments in the area as the best means of boosting the economy of the retail district.

However, he added, no definite plans can be made until all properties abutting Hastings in these two blocks are purchased.

"In our dealings and negotiations with these people, we have been extremely fair," said Emmott. "We wanted to treat everybody more or less alike but we were not too successful in negotiating to move the buildings back the twenty feet necessary for widening construction."

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He said tenants in these buildings should be more concerned with their relationships with the building owners than with the municipality. Those renting on a month to month basis cannot expect much notice, he said, but the municipality will give them every consideration.

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The lights, said Jeeves, are traffic-activated and a man would have to turn them off or try to guess when they would change, thus creating more confusion than now exists.

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## BCA majority may reverse policies

### Blair would bring back rec programs

Andy Blair, re-elected to Council with a vote that topped the polls, said this week he hopes to see the Parks Commission re-instate a good portion of the recreational programs which were restricted by budget cuts earlier this year.

With BCA back in control of Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission, Blair feels certain programs could be started again, such as the activities at Bohor Centre which included instructional recreation for young people and social evenings for senior citizens.

"We would hope to increase the pool time and, well, also, added Blair, there is no denying all that money on pools and not being able to use them to the fullest extent."

He said certain of the budget cuts had been made wisely, however, and will not be interfered with.

### Bingo and win a turkey

Kinsmen of North Burnaby hope to substantially assist their welfare fund and the Burnaby Christmas Cheer Fund with two giant turkey bingos on December 12, and next Thursday, December 19, at the Legion Hall, 4599 East Hastings Street, starting at 8 p.m.

Proceeds will help the Kinsmen supply Christmas hampers for needy North Burnaby families. The Kinsmen has always been most active in supporting Christmas welfare projects.

Fifty turkeys, being supplied by Safeway Stores, will be given at the bingo games. Consolation prizes will be the fine of English biscuits.

Tom Goldie, chairman of the bingo committee, with Jim Hat (Inson), co-chairman, Art Watson, Roy Finlay and all the members will be helping out at the games.

The Burnaby firm of Collins and Collins, architects, has been engaged to design the new Burnaby theatre site area. The same architect designed the Municipal Hall addition.

Burnaby Citizens' Association regained control of Municipal Council last Thursday when a record 40% of the 49,998 citizens on the voters' list cast their ballot in what some described as a "protest" vote—electing all but one of the B.C.A. candidates.

Reeve Emmott swept back into office with 10,353 votes, a lead which surprised Emmott himself almost as much as it astounded his opposition, councillor Doug Drummond.

"I consider this to be a reaffirmation of the soundness of democracy," the Reeve told the Burnaby News-Advertiser following his election. "It shows me that the bulk of people are reasonable. They may suffer from the infatuation of the moment, but it proves they come back to earth on the truly serious issues."

Drummond, a Non Partisan Association candidate and eleven year veteran on Burnaby Council, had been fairly confident of victory despite adverse reaction throughout the municipality over the dismissal by the NPA controlled Council, of two heads of staff earlier in the year.

The firing of William Blakeley, planner, and Quentin Lake, engineer, was regarded by the largest single factor in the overwhelming defeat of the NPA councillors.

Emmott now begins his fourth term in office, and his seventh year, next month. He, his wife

### Emmott would re-hire planner

"Should Mr. Blakeley apply for the position of municipal planner, I wouldn't have the slightest hesitation in giving him my highest possible recommendation," stated Reeve Alan Emmott following his election last Thursday.

Blakeley was fired by the present Council earlier this year under a section of the Municipal Act which permits a two-third majority of Council to dismiss an employee without stating cause.

Asked if he would rehire Blakeley now that BCA is again in control, Emmott replied:

"Mr. Blakeley did a job that may not be fully appreciated by the people of Burnaby for many years. Should he apply for the position of planner, I wouldn't have the slightest hesitation in giving him my highest possible recommendation."

Applicants are currently being interviewed to fill the position.

As for engineer, the position has been filled by Ernest Olson who has won the Reeve's confidence. "Mr. Olson is an excellent choice for the position and is thoroughly competent," stated the Reeve.

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GIANT TURKEY BINGOS take place this month at North Burnaby Legion Hall, sponsored by the North Burnaby Kinsmen Club. Fifty turkeys will be given away as prizes, supplied by Safeway stores. First bingo night is tonight, December 12, and the second big night is next Thursday, December 19. Above, Kinsmen Tom Todd, left, and Roy Finlay, right, choose big 20 lb. birds from Jim Elvidge, manager of the Safeway at Kingsway and Cassiar.

## BACKWASH... by m.g.p.

It's funny how some people react to an election; getting all hysterical about a simple democratic procedure that happens every year. One day, we'll protect her by just saying Mrs. F. sounded as if she had gone completely off her rocker as she ground her teeth in gloe over the defeat of the NPA. Relax, Mrs. F., there are a lot of people like yourself except they have the backbone to get out in front of a mass of people and make their beliefs public... having witnessed six successive municipal campaigns in Burnaby, I have been involved to a greater or lesser extent. I feel that any individual who takes on the chore of running for civic office is to be commended for public spirit... what side of the fence he is on. They all deserve a big pat on the back for getting out there and caring enough about the welfare of the municipality to subject themselves to anything the public cares to bring... I must say, we admire the Reeve's sporting attitude; EMMOTT was the first to phone me after the election, disclaiming a spirit of cooperation... and fellowship that sets us all up on a busy year of trying to keep Burnaby moving ahead, in unity... We were also gratified at the many calls from scores of people who phoned in to thank us for stirring up the issues, and making this a rip-roaring campaign that finally woke a path to Burnaby up enough to set a record vote... and so enough about elections for another year... Council met Monday for the first time in three weeks and faced a heavy agenda of unfinished business. Members of the press and Council found a gift at their customary places, pens from Councillor EMMETT CAFFERKY, one of the two NPA's left on Council... They tell me the pens are loaded with disappearing ink, Emmott... DOUG DRUMMOND... looking bona fide weary congratulated Reeve Emmott and his followers on their election success, then left the Chambers. He didn't return... look for ANDY BLAIR and DAVE HERD to pretty well control Parks Commission in future and we wouldn't be at all surprised if GEORGE MCELROY, former BCA councillor (and a good one) were to get the dog's name party appointment time... Speedy recovery to BILL BOYD of slender form whose activities have been somewhat curtailed due to an ankle injury. We won't say how he got it... You can't say Burnaby isn't concerned over OAKALLA ESCAPEES - Council agreed Monday night to put a street light at the dark corner of Eleanor and McPherson, the place where the four fleeing prisoners entered a house and raised havoc... Mr. and Mrs. WARREN CLARK celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary Sunday... We are sorry to hear GEORGE MORRISON, former publisher of the Burnaby Advertiser, is not too well these days, we hope you'll soon be your busy self again, George... CHARLES BROWN, retired municipal clerk who each year administers the Burnaby CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND, is under extra strain these days. His wife fell and broke her hip last Thursday at home and is in Royal Columbian Hospital... Burnaby firemen, by the way, are really going all out for the Fund this season with BOB RABBITON in charge of the Union efforts. The boys are also proud of their performance for the MUSCULAR HYPERSTROPHY fund. They collected \$1700 and put larger municipalities to shame... Thursday's election went fairly smoothly except for

one minor hitch. The electrical system blew at one polling station, necessitating an emergency dispatch of an electrician to put the place back in operation. The polling station? Burnaby Civil Defence headquarters... HASTINGS STREET merchants are to be commended for their initiative in decorating their shopping district with beautiful Christmas street lights. If you haven't seen Hastings at night recently be sure and drive over. It's beautiful. Take the children with you. FIVE BIGBY of Radio Specialists and FRED HARTLEY of Hartley's Printing are busy preparing a headquarters for Santa who is expected to arrive shortly. New face on Hastings is JACK BARKER, BOB PICCO's new assistant at Picco's Men's Wear... darn good sport of the election is Mrs. DOUG DRUMMOND, who this week compared her husband to WINSTON CHURCHILL. "Churchill was defeated seventeen times, more than any other British Statesman in history," says amiable Mrs. Drummond. "I'm sure, one day you may be Prime Minister... congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. DUG GLEIGHTLY on the birth of a baby girl, their third child and first girl.



CHRISTMAS CHEER in the form of toys for approximately 500 needy little children in Burnaby is being provided by the Burnaby Christmas Cheer Fund this year. Mrs. Allistar Shand, 3824 Thurston, has the tremendous task of shopping for the gifts and supervising the packing.