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(3) Committee Work. There are a number of Committees at work in the governmental machinery and most Members of Parliament participate on one or more Committees. Mr. Rose has been involved in a number of committees during the time that he has been in Ottawa. He felt that his previous membership on a Municipal Council has helped in the work that he has to perform at the Federal level.

Alderman Blair asked if the Federal Government intends to discontinue the \$2,000. per bed grant to hospitals. Mr. Rose replied that the Government has stated on more than one occasion that it intends to discontinue all spacial grants to hospitals. Alderman Blair then referred to M. H. A. Loans which are only available where sewers are provided. In Langley there are many areas where the soil is ideal for the operation of septic tanks yet people can not obtain these loans. Mr. Rose suggested that this problem revolves around the question of pollution but, perhaps there will be a modification of the present regulations as more information is made available and new legislation is placed on the Statute Books. Alderman Booth suggested that Canada has one of the most inequitable tax systems imaginable in any country Mr. Rose agreed with this contention and stated that many Members of Parliament are working towards the resolution of this problem. Mr. Rose then thanked the Council for the time devoted to this discussion with him and after listening to some of the business of Council he retired from the Meeting.

Tenders - Sale of Land (Portion of Old Kerr Road)

Mayor Poppy opened a tender from the Union Oil Company of Canada Limited in which the Company offered \$300. (Three hundred) for this small portion of land.

On motion of Alderman Blair and Barchello this bid was accepted and this land is to be sold to the Union Oil Company of Canada Limited for \$300.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following letters were read and dealt with:

Greater Vancouver Real Estate Board
Re: Regional Plan

The letter enclosed a report prepared by a special Committee of the Real Estate Board concerning the Regional Plan and Regional District Administration. The report suggested that the Plan should remain intact and if possible the Lower Mainland Regional Board should continue to function as a single unit. The report also stated that if there is going to be a realignment of Regional Districts it should be into two Regional Districts one for the Metropolitan Area and one for the Valley Area. This letter and report was received on motion of Aldermen Barchello and Blair. The Clerk was requested to attach a summary of the report to the Minutes for the Members of Council.

Mayor Poppy stated that the Minister of Municipal Affairs has made it abundantly clear that the Lower Mainland Regional Planning Board will cease to function as from December 31, 1968 and the administration of the Regional Plan will become the responsibility of the individual Regional Districts. There could be some difficulties at the time of transition from the Lower Mainland Regional Planning Board to the individual District, particularly with regard to the settlement of the Staff and there could be some cost involved in this transitional period which will have to be paid by the Municipalities.

Lower Mainland Regional Planning Board
Re: Regional Plan Amendment

Referring to Amentment Number 13 which provided for all Regional Parks to be included in the Regional Plan and stating that some misunderstanding has arisen regarding this and requesting those Municipalities who have either rejected the Proposed Amendment or not taken any action to defer action until full discussion can be held with two North Vancouver Municipalities after which further report will be submitted. Since this Municipality has already approved this particular Amendment the letter was ordered filed on motion of Aldermen Booth and Shuster.

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Central Fraser Valley Regional District
Re: 1969 Provisional Budget

Enclosing a copy of the Provisional Budget which had been adopted by the Board at a meeting held in December and this Budget provides for a total expenditure of \$94,662. The projected levy for this Municipality would be \$16,906.56. Mayor Poppy pointed out that this budget covers the possibility of the Regional District assuming the planning function and the legal services. The question of legal services has not yet been determined but it is expected that the planning function will be undertaken by the Regional District starting January. Alderman Blair questioned this increasing budget on the part of the Regional District and wondered if a third level of Government was being created which could become costly in the future.

The Royal Bank of Canada
Re: Thanks

Expressing thanks of the Municipality of Langley and pledging the services of the Bank and its Staff for the future. Ordered filed.

Library Development Commission
Re: Regional Library Boards

Reminding Council that the recent Amendment for the Public Libraries Act provides that representatives on Regional Library Boards may only serve for a total of 8 consecutive years. Mayor Poppy stated that this had already been reported to Council by Alderman Booth and this will be kept in mind when the appointments to the Fraser Valley Regional Library Board are under consideration.

Mr. Mark Rose
Re: Use of Council Chamber

Asking if rooms can be made available in the Municipal Hall for his interview Meetings which are to be held on January 9th from 10:00 a.m. to noon and from 2:00 p.m. til 4:00 p.m. Permission was granted for use of the Council Chamber and Committee Room on Motion of Aldermen Blair and Shuster.

Department of Municipal Affairs
Re: Regional Districts

Enclosing a copy of a letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs to the Chairman of the Greater Vancouver Regional District and also a copy of the Ministers speech which was presented in Haney to representatives of the three Regional Districts in the Fraser Valley.

On motion of Aldermen Shuster and Blair a copy of the Ministers remarks is to be enclosed with the minutes of this Meeting.

Central Fraser Valley Regional District
Re: Fireworks Control

Enclosing a copy of the By-Law which is in existence in the District of Coquitlam and asking Municipal Councils for opinion regarding uniform Fireworks Control in this Regional District.

On motion of Aldermen Booth and Barichello copy of this By-Law is to be circulated to all Members of Council for consideration.

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Lower Mainland Regional Planning Board
 Re: 1969 Budget

Enclosing a budget for 1969/1s based on the assumption that the Lower Mainland Regional Planning Board will continue/operate and also some projections based on the assumption that the Planning function will be divided among the four Regional Districts. This was referred to Finance Committee on motion of Aldermen Booth and Barichello.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Regional Planning:

The Mayor reported on attending a meeting in Vancouver / when the question of transfer of the Planning Function from the Lower Mainland Regional Planning Board to the 4 Regional Districts was discussed. The Greater Vancouver Regional District was not entirely enthusiastic about the Planning Board Staff being transferred to the Regional District but is prepared to proceed on this basis as an interim measure. It is expected that the Greater Vancouver Regional District will provide Planning Services for the other Regional Districts until such time as they have staff for their own planning purposes and it is also expected that there will be some transitional costs which will have to be met by all member Municipalities of Lower Mainland Regional Planning Board.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk presented a report of the number of meetings and other items of business transacted by Council in the year 1968 as follows:

Regular Meetings	24
Special Meetings	14
Public Meetings	2
Special Committees	17
By-Laws Adopted	29
Reports	
Special	23
Regular	63

BY-LAWS

1 Sale of Langholm Bylaw 1968' No. 1246 - was reconsidered, finally adopted and passed on motion of Aldermen Barichello and Booth.

1 Annual Budget By-Law Amendment By-Law'1968' No. 1247 was reconsidered, finally adopted and passed on motion of Aldermen Booth and Shuster.

1 Road and Acquisition and Dedication By-Law 1968' No. 1250 was reconsidered, finally passed and adopted on motion of Aldermen Blair and Barichello

1 Aldergrove Waterworks Systems Frontage Tax Bylaw Amendment Bylaw 1968 No. 1252 was given first reading on motion of Aldermen Barichello and Blair, was given second reading on motion of Aldermen Shuster and Booth, was given third reading on motion of Aldermen Blair and Barichello.

1 Glenwood Park Sale Bylaw 1968 No. 1253 was given first reading on motion of Aldermen Barichello and Blair, was given second reading on motion of Aldermen Booth and Shuster, was given third reading on motion of Blair and Barichello.