

# TEAM NEWS

*The Electors' Action Movement of Greater Vancouver*

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TO THE MEMBERS OF TEAM

We are pleased to enclose the final resolutions which were voted on and approved at our recent Policy Convention.

We also have, at our office, the complete background papers which are available to members on request, as they may wish to consider, and further study these detailed reports. However, the reasoning behind these reports are not statements of TEAM policy and not necessarily representative of TEAM policy. We recognize that certain isolated inaccuracies have occurred, but in spite of occasional errors, we feel these reports are of great interest.

It was felt that the Convention was an outstanding success and was a progressive step forward in the desired results for the civic election. We would welcome your comments in reference to the Convention regarding the format, organization of the meeting etc. Please feel free to express your opinions to any members of your Executive and Board of Directors who would appreciate hearing your ideas in this matter.

Now we may look forward to our Nominating Convention. It will be held Tuesday, October 29th at 7:30 p.m., at Eric Hamber School, 33rd and Oak.

If any organization wishes to have a guest speaker from TEAM please contact Mrs. Larsen at - 261-1772.

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THE ELECTORS' ACTION MOVEMENT OF GREATER VANCOUVER

T.E.A.M. POLICY ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 7, 1968  
BY VOTE OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

DEVELOPMENTAL POLICY

I. Developmental Goals

- A. A general programme of development should be established for Vancouver and followed over the next 20 years. The City should be encouraged to grow around a significant central core with special development around that core in False Creek, on the Burrard Inlet waterfront, east from Main Street and in the West End. Beyond the core and its particular surrounding areas, the City should be encouraged to grow into recognizable planned districts, each with its own district centre. In planning, special notice should be taken of the unique characteristics of Vancouver and its location.
- B. Special priority should be given to standards and developments east of Cambie Street in the City.
- C. Arbitrary encroachment of commercial and high density apartment development on established single and two-family residential areas should be strictly restrained.
- D. Priority should be given to those development projects which will encourage related tax-paying development that will more than repay the original public investment.

II False Creek Redevelopment

The land surrounding False Creek should be changed from purely industrial use to a combination of residential, recreational and "clean" industrial uses. Fair compensation should be provided for industrial property and every effort should be made to ensure that the business and employment affected remain in the metropolitan area.

III Vancouver Development Authority

A Vancouver Development Authority should be established to foster and co-ordinate civic land development.

IV Transportation

- A. Immediate priority be given to improving the existing bus service in all areas of the city with the co-operation of B.C. Hydro.
- B. A Greater Vancouver Regional Transportation Authority should be established in co-operation with the senior governments and given the task of planning, designing, constructing and operating transportation facilities. The Authority should give high priority to a rapid transit system and high priority to another Burrard Inlet crossing including provision for trucks and the rapid transit. It should provide a system of special vehicles for circulation within downtown, making use of newly available technology. It should create scenic drives, walkways and bikeways in appropriate scenic areas. Within the framework of the Greater Vancouver Regional Transportation Authority, recognition must be accorded to the relationship between transportation and land use planning in its regional context.
- C. Freeways must be excluded from the central city core.

ECONOMIC POLICY

- I. A review and adjustment of assessments should be made to make taxation more equitable.
- II. Approval of the formal city budget should take place before or within one month of the start of any fiscal year.

- III. The unused borrowing capacity of the City is recognized as a potential source of financial resources that can be used carefully and judiciously to fulfill the developmental and other goals of T.E.A.M. without imposing an undue burden on taxpayers.
- IV. Every effort should be made to have the two senior governments assume a greater proportion of the financial responsibility for education and human welfare programmes in line with the recommendations of the Economic Council of Canada.

## SOCIAL AND HUMAN POLICY

### I. Housing

The City should take every possible action to increase the supply of adequate moderate-cost housing and adopt policies to:

1. Conserve and upgrade housing by changing urban renewal procedures, by offering incentives for home repair and maintenance and by enforcing health and fire by-laws.
2. Create housing by discouraging land holding for speculation and actively encouraging construction of lower priced medium-density accommodation such as town houses and garden court apartments.
3. Consult with citizens on major housing issues before basic decisions are made.
4. Establish a housing registry and advice bureau for those with housing problems.
5. Press for a Regional Housing Authority within the framework of the Greater Vancouver Regional District to make rational use of federal and provincial funds available for housing and land banks.

### II Community Service District

The concept of community service districts should be recognized and promoted because of the social and economic need to plan, develop, co-ordinate and integrate welfare and community renewal programs with related aspects of recreation, protection services and educational facilities and services.

### III Pollution Control

Anti-pollution measures should be enacted and enforced on a regional basis. In the interim there should be enacted a Vancouver Pollution By-law covering air, water, land and noise pollution, and incorporating easily measured, recognized standard and readily enforceable regulations which will be a model for the region and form a basis for full co-operation with all levels of government and regulatory bodies.

### IV Human Services

- A. Within the concept of the community service districts there should be a reorganization of the whole welfare system as soon as possible to emphasize the dire emergency that exists for remedial and preventive work. A positive programme of prevention and rehabilitation should be established in order to overcome present conditions in which welfare costs are rising steadily while producing little remedial effect, in which an increasing number of families is trapped in the poverty cycle and in which there is considerable wasteful duplication of services and agencies.
- B. In tackling Vancouver's skid road, there should be a properly co-ordinated treatment programme for alcoholics, a vigorous cleanup of the filthy accommodation, and emergency facilities for crisis cases and increased emphasis on the programmes for women on skid road to match the programmes for men.

## V. Senior Citizens

For our Senior Citizens there must be adequate housing suited to their needs and community programmes enabling them to live productive and happy lives as citizens of Vancouver.

## VI Fluoridation

T.E.A.M. supports the fluoridation of the Greater Vancouver Water Supply and urges approval of the plebescite.

## VII - Civil Rights

T.E.A.M. supports equal opportunity for all and opposes discrimination on grounds of color, race, creed, sex and age.

## PARKS AND RECREATION POLICY

A policy of 'parks for people' should be pursued by the Parks Board based on acquisition of property now for future parks in heavily populated areas of the east side of the City and on the creation of parks in central areas of the City as part of urban renewal. The parks should be planned and designed in keeping with the community service district concept. The City Dump at Kerr Road should be developed as a major park and the beaches of the City should be extended and kept free of pollutants.

Parallel to the aforementioned policy of acquiring land for major parks and district parks, money should be set aside on a regular basis for the annual purchase and development of parks with emphasis on locked-in lots and other strategic lots for development of vest-pocket or mini parks.

T.E.A.M. endorses civic participation with the Provincial Government and private donors in the acquisition for a future botanical garden of the remaining 62 acres of the former Shaughnessy Golf Course.

## YOUTH AND EDUCATION POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Education Goals: In order that the youth of Vancouver may be properly prepared to deal with and live in tomorrow's urban society, schools and teachers must have the facilities for creating a variety of learning experiences which are important to the students, which enable the students to learn to think for themselves and in which the students are permitted to accept an increasing amount of responsibility for their own learning. Parents and teachers must be encouraged to rethink the roll of parents in education and to consider greater use of teacher aides. School plant and equipment must not lie idle but should instead be used in recreational and cultural programmes in keeping with the community service district concept.

Some Means Towards the Goal: Action must be taken on the basis of current thorough studies on the total structure of the present school system especially relating to: (1) Use of present revenues (2) adequacy of the provincial share of the capital costs (3) design and use of plant and equipment and (4) ensuring maximum use of professional staff.

Efforts should be made to have legislation revised where necessary, especially to reduce the number of provincial approvals required for completion of school construction projects, to permit planning for longer than one year ahead and to ensure that large urban school districts are treated in accord with their special nature.

## GOVERNMENTAL POLICY

### I. Civic Government

T.E.A.M. stands for a City Council that can more effectively represent the people and can more effectively deal with policy formulation and policy execution. In order to carry this out we recommend:

1. A form of partial area representation with 1/3 of the aldermen elected at large, the remainder elected from civic constituencies on an enlarged City Council.

2. There should be an executive committee consisting of the mayor and aldermen chosen by the mayor which would be, under the guidance of the mayor and the control of council, the co-ordinator of council proceedings and the highest executive authority within the civic administration.
3. Aldermen should receive remuneration commensurate with their duties.
4. Candidates for elective office who wish to do so, should be allowed to state on the ballot the name of the group with which they are affiliated.

### III. Regional Government

- A. Where practicable, combinations of existing municipalities within the greater Vancouver area should be encouraged in order to produce the most suitable decision-making units within the region.
- B. The present Regional District of Greater Vancouver should play an increasing role in co-ordination and rationalization of services at the regional level. The City of Vancouver delegates on the District Board must play a more unified and consistent part in the affairs of the Greater Vancouver region. Ultimately, the Regional District should assume responsibility and authority for all regional functions. The future method of selection and the structure of the District Board should be decided according to the principles of public access to and public participation in regional decision making.

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The following matters were referred back to the Policy Committee:

1. Further study to be given Vancouver Development Authority and a report made on means and particulars.
2. Further study and preparation of a policy on public recreation to take into consideration the concerns expressed in the convention discussion groups.
3. i. Voting privileges to tenant electors on all issues including money by-laws.  
ii. elimination of voting privileges of corporations  
iii. Further study of 'one man one vote' principle.  
iv. Election of the mayor by the Council.

### SPECIAL AND ADDITIONAL MOTIONS

M/S/CARRIED That this convention instruct the Executive not to release the names of any person seeking nomination. Members should be informed by newsletter who is seeking office and what their qualifications are.

M/S/CARRIED That T.E.A.M. policy conventions be held at least on an annual basis and that the next annual convention be held within the next 14 months, the date to be arranged by the directors.

### NOTICE OF MOTION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE.

The addition to Article IV of the Constitution of the following:

- "24. A policy Convention shall be held once a year at a time and place decided by the Directors. A Policy Convention call shall be issued 90 days before the convention date. All policy resolutions must be sent to all members at least 14 days before the Policy Convention."

Notice of Motion (cont'd)

The addition to Article V of the following:

"NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

25. All T.E.A.M. candidates for civic office must accept the programs and policies adopted by a duly constituted Policy Convention of T.E.A.M.
26. Candidates for Civic office shall be elected by a Nomination Convention to be held at least one month prior to a Vancouver Civic Election.
27. (a) Nominations of candidates must be received, in writing, 21 days before the nomination convention.  
  
(b) All candidates must be nominated in writing by 10 members of T.E.A.M.  
  
(c) The convention call for the nominating convention of candidates for civic office shall be issued 60 days before the day nominations must be received."

M/S/CARRIED That the Notice of Motion to amend Article V of the constitution to include Section 25 (as shown above) be the first item of business of the nominating convention on October 29th.

M/S/CARRIED That we express to Dr. Pendakur our appreciation and respect for the manner in which he has handled this convention.