

TEAM POLICY - MAY 1978

ELECTORAL REFORM

- A. At the TEAM Board of Directors meeting of November 9th, 1977
it was

MOVED by Hugh Parfitt, seconded by Shirley Schmid:

That the Board of Directors go on record as favouring
a plebiscite in November 1978 on some form of area
representation.

CARRIED
with one opposed

- B. ISSUE I:

The electoral system of Vancouver.

OBJECTIVE I.1:

To develop a current TEAM policy on the Area (Ward) System.

POLICY PROPOSALS:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

I.1.(a) TEAM support the principle of a partial ward
system for city council.

(b) The number of ward aldermen should be equal to
those elected at large.

(c) There should be a residency requirement for those
aldermen elected from wards.

- C. A policy subcommittee on electoral reform recommends the
following.

ISSUE I:

There is a need to bring up to date other areas of the civic
political process.

OBJECTIVE I.1:

To make the civic political process more democratic.

C. continued

POLICY PROPOSAL

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- I.1.(a) Because of the increased work load, council increase the number of aldermen to be elected.
- (b) Some consideration be given by council to the income level of elected officials to allow a greater variety of people to run.
- (c) Because of the complexity of civic government and the cost of elections, the term of office be increased to three years.
- (d) To increase the fairness of elections, the order of candidates on the ballot be determined by draw.
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