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THE CORPORATION OF THE

DISTRICT OF SURREY

Ottawa, Ontario,
March 13, 1944.

The Clerk,
The Corporation of the District of Surrey,
Cloverdale, B.C.

Dear Mr. Clerk:-

I have already urged the Department of National Defense that similar arrangements be made as were done last year to provide members of the armed forces for farm work, both for spring and harvesting time.

As to your report regarding lack of available men through the Selective Service, I will, with your Member, Mr. Tom Reid, M.P. take this matter up as we endeavour to at all times work together in these matters effecting the entire Valley.

Yours very truly,

George Cruickshank

George A. Cruickshank, M.P.,
Fraser Valley, B.C.

GC/ls
c.c. T. Reid

Municipal Clerk.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE

DISTRICT OF SURREY

, Ottawa, March 13th, 1944.

Mr. John G. Farmer,
Municipal Clerk,
District of Surrey,
P.O. Drawer 210,
Cloverdale, B.C.

Dear Farmer:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication of March 7th in which you write me on instructions by Surrey Municipal Council in regards to the question of farm help.

May say in connection with this matter, that I am taking this up with the Government here, and in the light of your communication, and assuring you of my interest in the matter.

Yours very truly,

TOM REID,
MEMBER FOR NEW WESTMINSTER.

Municipal Clerk.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE

DISTRICT OF SURREY

P. O. DRAWER 210
PHONE: CLOVERDALE 25



OFFICE OF THE
MUNICIPAL HALL

CLOVERDALE, B. C.

March 21, 1944.

Tom Reid, Esq., M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:

There is a good deal of agitation in the rural areas of British Columbia and also in the City of Vancouver with regard to daylight saving, more especially during the winter months.

In some of the larger rural municipalities, many of the children have to be on the streets long before sunrise in order to obtain the necessary transportation to school.

I have been instructed by the Municipal Council of Surrey to ask you if you could let us have the Dominion Government's reaction to a proposal for the abolition of daylight saving, either entirely or for the winter months.

Yours faithfully,

John G. Farmer

Municipal Clerk.

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X. S. Similar letter has been sent to G. A. Brickshank, Esq., M. P. for joint action, if necessary.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE

DISTRICT OF SURREY

P. O. DRAWER 210
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OFFICE OF THE
MUNICIPAL HALL

CLOVERDALE, B. C.

March 21, 1944.

Tom Reid, Esq., M. P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir: re Farm Labour

I am instructed to acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your letter of the 13th inst.

Yours faithfully,

Municipal Clerk.

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Municipal Clerk.

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Copy for Mr. T. Reid, M. P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa.

Ottawa, March 27, 1944.

Mr. John G. Farmer,
Municipal Clerk,
P. O. Drawer 210,
Cloverdale, B. C.

Dear Mr. Farmer:

As one of those who frankly have never been able to see the need for daylight saving, particularly in British Columbia, I will be glad to co-operate with your Member, Mr. Reid, in any way possible in securing at least some adjustment in this connection.

Yours truly,

GEORGE A. CRUICKSHANK, M.P.,
Fraser Valley, B. C.

Municipal Clerk.

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, Ottawa, March 27th, 1944.

Mr. J. G. Farmer,
Municipal Clerk,
District of Surrey,
P.O. Drawer 210,
Cloverdale, B.C.

Dear Mr. Farmer:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication of March 21st in which you write me in regards to the matter of daylight saving, with special reference to daylight saving during the winter months.

In regards to this may say I am quite in accord with the suggestion in your communication and will endeavour to obtain a statement from the Government in regards to the proposal for the abolition of day-light saving either entirely or for the winter months.

Yours very truly,

TOM REID,
MEMBER FOR NEW WESTMINSTER.

Municipal Clerk.

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, Ottawa, March 29th, 1944.

Mr. J. C. Farmer,
Municipal Clerk,
District of Surrey,
P.O. Drawer 210,
Cloverdale, B.C.

Dear Mr. Farmer:-

Following your communication of March 21st I discussed the matter of Daylight Saving on the floor of the House of Commons with the Honourable Mr. Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply, and am enclosing a copy of my request and his reply, being an extract from Hansard, Monday, March 27th, 1944, on this matter.

It would be appreciated if you would place this information before the members of your Council.

Yours very truly,

TOM REID,
MEMBER FOR NEW WESTMINSTER.

Municipal Clerk.

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, Ottawa, April 17th, 1944.

Mr. A. G. Brine, J.P.,
City Clerk,
Port of New Westminster, B.C.

Dear Mr. Brine:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your Air Mail letter of April 14th in which you write on behalf of the City Council regarding the complaint received from two Fishermens' Unions in connection with difficulties the fishermen are experiencing at floats situated on the Fraser River, at the foot of 8th Street, due to the silting up, which has taken place.

May say in regards to this, that I will be very pleased indeed to take the matter up here with the Department of Public Works on behalf of the fishermen, and with a view of having some dredging carried out along the lines suggested in your communication.

Yours very truly,

TOM REID,
MEMBER FOR NEW WESTMINSTER.



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A. G. BRINE, J.P.
CITY CLERK

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

PORT OF NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

April 14th. 1944.

Mr. Tom Reid, M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:-

At a Special Meeting of the City Council held on April 6th., at which you were present, the matter of a complaint received from two Fishermen's Unions was discussed.

The fishermen, for many years, have moored their boats, when in New Westminster, at floats situated on the Fraser River, at the foot of 8th. Street. The depth of water at this point has now become too shallow to permit the boats to make proper use of the floats. Considerable trouble is being experienced by the boats going aground, particularly at low tide, when it is almost impossible to move them, consequently, much valuable time is lost in approaching and leaving the floats.

On account of the nature and position of the river, at this point, the two Dominion Government dredges located here cannot be used even if they were available. The work calls for a clam-shell dredge and scows. The estimated cost of carrying out the work by the latter method is $2000.00.



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The City Council feels the fishermen are justified in their petition for adequate accommodation and are of the opinion the Dominion Government should share in the cost of providing the same.

His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen would, therefore, greatly appreciate if you will endeavor to secure a grant from the Government for this purpose.

As the request of the fishermen is urgent, immediate action is needed. You have personal knowledge of the situation and we know you will be pleased to do everything possible to assist.

Thanking you in anticipation of your valued co-operation,

I remain,

Yours respectfully,

City Clerk.

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Municipal Clerk.

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A. G. BRINE, J.P.
CITY CLERK

, Ottawa, May 16th, 1944.

Mr. A. G. Brine, J.P.,
City Clerk,
Port of New Westminster, B.C.

Dear Mr. Brine:-

I am taking the liberty of sending you nine copies of the Annual Report of the International Pacific Salmon Fisheries Commission for the year 1942, and trust the same may be of interest to you and the members of the New Westminster City Council.

Yours sincerely,

TOM REID, M.P.
(COMMISSIONER)
INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC SALMON
FISHERIES COMMISSION.



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A. C. BRINE, J.P.
CITY CLERK

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

PORT OF NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

May 23rd. 1944.

Mr. Tom Reid, M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Reid:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 16th., together with nine copies of the 1942 Annual Report of the International Pacific Salmon Fisheries Commission.

His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen desire me to express, on their behalf, appreciation and thanks for your courtesy extended on this occasion.

Yours respectfully,

City Clerk.

AGB/S.



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A. G. BRINE, J. P.
CITY CLERK

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

PORT OF NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

June 29th. 1944.

Mr. Tom Reid, M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Reid:- Re: Dredging at Fishermen's Floats.

Referring to your letter dated June 22nd., together with copy of letter dated June 15th., received by you from the Minister of Public Works, beg to advise, the same were read at a regular meeting of the City Council held on June 26th.

His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen have directed me to express, on their behalf, grateful appreciation and thanks for your valued co-operation in this matter.

We sincerely trust it may be possible to proceed with this work at an early date, as it will be of great benefit to the local fishermen.

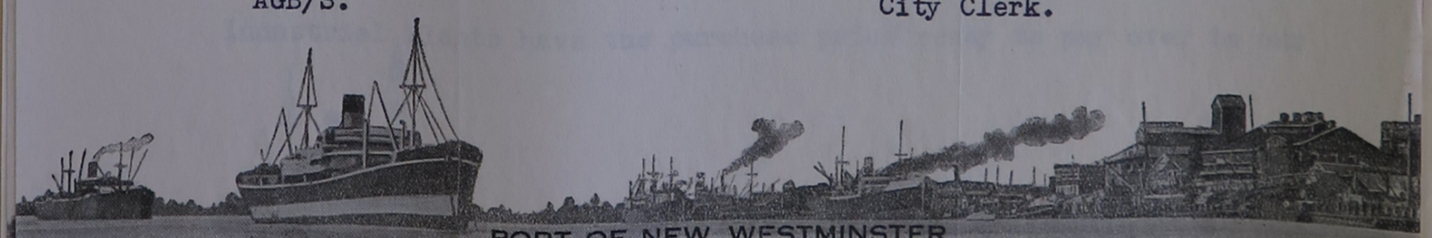
Again thanking you for your assistance,

I remain,

Yours respectfully,

A.G. Brine

AGB/S. City Clerk.



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MAYOR'S OFFICE

W. M. MOTT, MAYOR
NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

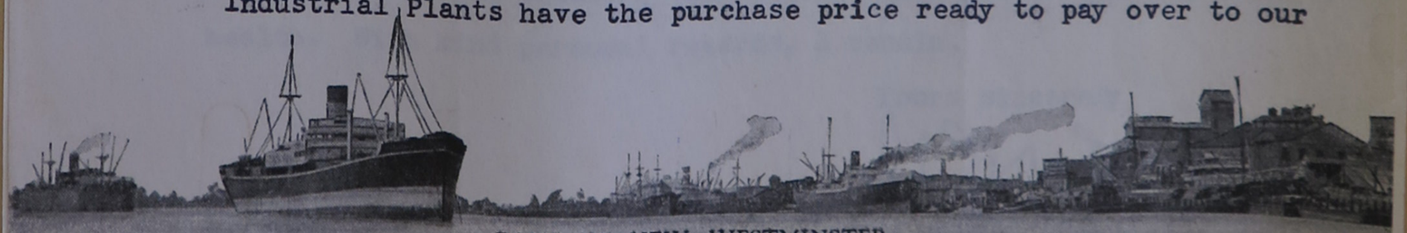
July 24th. 1944.

Mr. Tom Reid, M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Reid:-

I understand you will be arriving back on the Coast around the end of the month and as I have to leave tonight for Gordon Head to complete my two weeks' training, I am taking this opportunity of writing to you to get the different problems, that we have taken up with you, cleaned up before you leave Ottawa.

First the Indian Reserve. The Bylaw covering this property was passed last December and although our Solicitors received a letter from the Department of Indian Affairs a few weeks ago stating the matter was in the hands of the Solicitor General's Department and we would hear from them in due course, we have not received anything further regarding this matter. We have several applications to purchase lots in this vicinity but cannot get the final arrangements completed. I would appreciate it very much if you could hurry this matter along as we will soon be having another election on our hands and the people will be wondering about the long delay in getting this through at Ottawa. We have the Deeds made out and the three Industrial Plants have the purchase price ready to pay over to our



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Department as soon as everything is in order.

Second, with reference to the Glenbrook Bridge fill at the Penitentiary. Although I have written to the Department of Justice concerning this matter, I have received no reply or information to date. We are most anxious to have this work started as the weather will have a certain bearing on the cost of the same. I cannot see why there should be any further delay as there is no money involved and the project has been recommended by the Superintendent of Penitentiaries.

The other problem which we took up with you is regarding the dredging of the Fishermen's Floats at the foot of 8th. Street. I expect by this time you will have some definite information concerning this matter.

There is one more matter which I would like you to inquire about. We understand the Post Office Building here is overcrowded and it has been found necessary to move some of the Departments to the Westminster Trust Building. As you know, we have been planning, as a post-war project, to erect a new City Hall and this location would be ideal for an extension of the present Post Office building. We have had offers from several business firms, who wish to establish in New Westminster, to purchase this property, but if the Government is interested in acquiring the same, we are very pleased to give them the first chance.

Thanking you for anything you can do in connection with the above matters, and trusting this letter finds you in the very best of health. With kind personal regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

W. M. Scott

WMM/S. Mayor.

Municipal Clerk.

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R. 4, New Westminster, B.C.,
September 25, 1944.

To the Mayor and Council,
New Westminster, B.C.

Dear Sirs;

As Member representing the City of and District of New Westminster, am taking the liberty to write and draw your attention to certain proposals for the post war period which are being put forward at the present time by authoratative bodies in the City of Vancouver and which, if carried out, will to my mind, be very detrimental to the City and Port of New Westminster.

One of the matters suggested in Vancouver last week had to do with post war developments of air field facilities at Sea Island. In view of the great development of air transportation which, I believe, will follow at the end of hostilities, am of the opinion that some serious thought should be given now to the acquiring and having developed an air port to serve our people, and one which should be free from fog hazards.

Sea Island Air Port, however, whilst a splendid one, serves the people of Vancouver much better than it does those in the City of New Westminster, Burnaby, or the Fraser Valley. In looking to the future, the advisability of developing a fog free airport closer to the City of New Westminster becomes apparent to all, and such a fog free airport would likewise be advantageous to Vancouver. It is my opinion that if steps are not taken now to develop an airport adjacent to our City it may well be that Vancouver, in the future, may control all the air travel to the Pacific Coast of British Columbia.

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The concentration of air fields at the Pacific Coast should not be at any one particular locality if the best interests of the Lower Mainland are considered, and when it is realized that there are districts closer to the City of New Westminster which are above the fog belt, the desirability of having one of these districts developed becomes, not only apparent, but to my mind very necessary.

Another matter; according to press reports, at the meeting held last week by the authorities to discuss these and other matters, a suggestion was made to develop the North Arm of the Fraser River for fishing. As members of the Council are aware, the North Arm is used almost exclusively by lumber concerns for the bringing in of logs. Whilst this is as it should be and no exception can or should be taken to the improvement of the North Arm for this kind of business, would respectfully draw your attention to the suggestion made in Vancouver last week which goes further than the mere improving of the North Arm for the better passage of logs.

The suggestion put forward is that the North Arm of the Fraser River be made a shipping channel, and therein lies the danger to the Port of New Westminster, for if the North Arm is ever dredged deep enough to take care of shipping, the main channel of the Fraser might well disappear as the North Arm, if deepened, would take the great volume of water away from the main channel itself. This is something which should be carefully watched as those suggesting this may only have in mind the interest of Vancouver, and it is evident care little what happens to the Port of New Westminster. It might be well to remind the general public that in 1939 the Port of New Westminster had as many ocean going ships coming to the Port as Vancouver had, and but for the war may well by now have surpassed Vancouver as an ocean shipping port.

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The third matter is that put forward by Mr. G. G. McGeer, M.P. who suggests in articles recently appearing in the 'News Herald' that as a post war project a new railway bridge should be constructed at Douglas Island, and that the Canadian Pacific Railway be forced to allow running rights to the Canadian National Railway into Vancouver. It seems to give Mr. McGeer no concern, whatever, that this suggestion, if carried out, would deprive the City of New Westminster of a railway. What does he or others care so long as it serves Vancouver. Apparently, he, too, has fallen into the error of thinking in terms of everything for Vancouver and 'to heck with New Westminster and the rest of the country'.

All these suggestions made are, of course, splendid for the interests in the City of Vancouver, and are typical of many suggestions by short sighted and selfish interests in Vancouver, who believe that their City is the only City to be considered in post war developments, forgetting entirely that the City of Vancouver might still be in the category of "Gas Town" were it not for the hinterland. The backbone of our province is lumbering, fishing and agriculture. Without these three industries Vancouver would not be a great City. One of the fears I have is that if no steps are taken to combat such proposals, we, in New Westminster, may well find ourselves a mere appendage to the City of Vancouver instead of becoming the greatest river port in the North American continent.

I trust .....

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I trust this letter will be received in the spirit in which it is sent, and in draging the attention of the members of the Council to the narrow attitude of mind, which it seems still prevails in Vancouver, I am respectfully suggesting that now is the time for us to move forward, looking towards future development of our Port and City following the end of the war, and at the same time, want to assure you of whatever help and co-operation may be possible.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Reid, M.P.

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A. G. BRINE, J.P.
CITY CLERK

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

PORT OF NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.
September 26th. 1944.

Mr. Tom Reid, M.P.,
R.4,
New Westminster, B.C.

Dear Mr. Reid:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication dated September 25th., which was read at a regular meeting of the City Council held last evening. The same was on motion referred to a Special Committee,to report. The members of the Committee are as follows: Alderman S.L.Smith (Chairman), Alderman J.A.Courtney and Alderman F.H.Jackson.

Upon receipt of this report, I will again communicate with you.

His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen desire me to express to you, on their behalf, appreciation and thanks for bringing these matters to their attention and for the time and thought you have given to the interests of the City of New Westminster and surrounding Districts.

Yours respectfully,

A. G. Brine

City Clerk.

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A. G. BRINE, J.P.
CITY CLERK

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

PORT OF NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

September 6th. 1944.

Mr. Tom Reid,M.P.,
R.R.No.4,
New Westminster, B.C.

Dear Mr. Reid:- Re: Fishermen's Wharf - ft. 8th. Street, New Westminster, B.C.

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 5th., addressed to His Worship Mayor Mott.

The same was brought to the attention of the City Council at a regular meeting held last evening by Alderman S.L.Smith, Chairman-Harbour Committee. After discussion, it was:

Moved by Ald. Smith,
Sec'd by Ald. McDonald,
That a hearty vote of thanks be extended to Mr. Tom Reid, M.P. for his prompt and very helpful co-operation in arranging for a contract to be let by the Dominion Department of Public Works to dredge out material in the Fraser River, in front of the fishermen's wharf at the foot of 8th. Street in the City of New Westminster and thereby improving mooring facilities.
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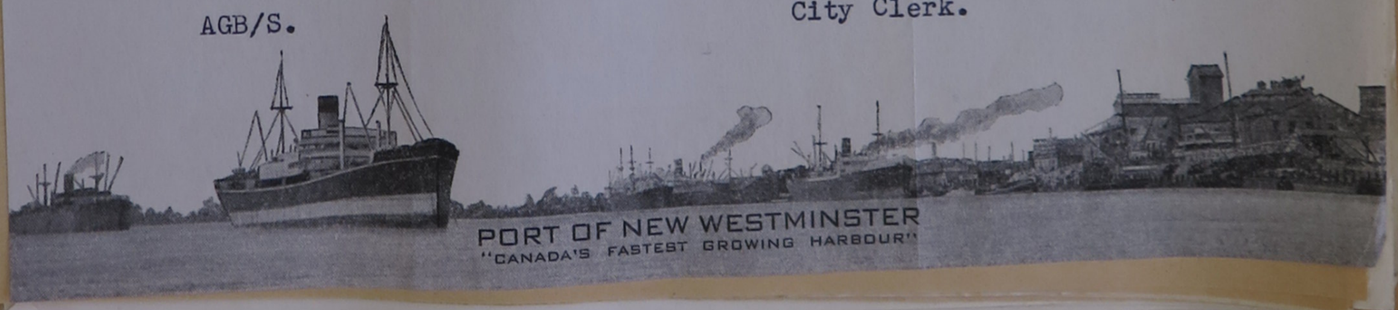
His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen are deeply appreciative of your valuable and willing assistance in connection with this and other requests made from time to time by the City of New Westminster.

Yours respectfully,

A. G. Brine

City Clerk.

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R. 4, New Westminster, B.C.,
September 5, 1944.

Mayor W.M. Mott,
City Hall,
NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.

Dear Mayor Mott;

You and the members of your Council will be pleased to learn that a few days ago I received a communication from the Minister of Public Works informing me that a contract has been let to Gilley Bros. Ltd. to dredge out material in front of the fishermenšš wharf foot of Eighth Street.

This work is expected to cost $3,500.

Having received the information thought I should let you know about this as soon as possible.

I would appreciate your informing the members of the Council regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Reid, M.P.

Municipal Clerk.

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COPY:

MAYOR'S OFFICE

W. M. MOTT, MAYOR
NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

November 3rd, 1944.

A. O. N. Daunt, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
New Westminster, B.C.

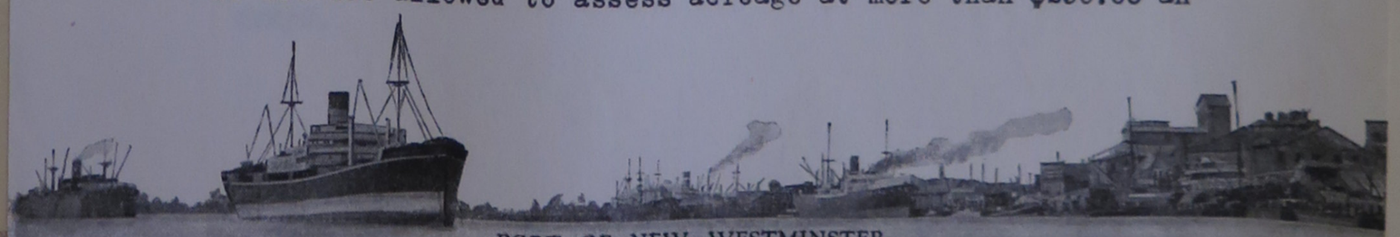
Dear Sir:- Re: Poplar Island.

The City of New Westminster is desirous of purchasing Poplar Island to provide for future industrial expansion and hereby offers the sum of $15,000.00. Will you kindly forward this offer to the Department of Indian Affairs at Ottawa.

When in Ottawa, I discussed this matter with Mr. C.E. Jackson, Chief Executive Assistant, Department of Indian Affairs, and he seemed to consider the above offer to be a fair one.

Some time ago when a pulp and paper company wished to purchase the Island, they offered $30,000.00. However, at that time there was a wooden bridge and water main to the Island from the Mainland. These have since been removed.

Our offer of $15,000.00 is at a rate of approximately $400.00 per acre. In the City limits, under the Municipal Act, we are not allowed to assess acreage at more than $250.00 an



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acre and this is generally the basis on which such land is sold. In order to industrialize Poplar Island, it will be necessary to construct a new bridge, together with water mains and power lines, the cost of which is approximately as follows:

To replace old bridge	$ 45,000.00
Water Service	5,000.00
Light Service	2,000.00
Total:	$ 52,000.00

You will readily appreciate if a private buyer purchased the Island, he would have to pay for the above services. This makes it nearly impossible to develop the Island by private enterprise.

As our Municipal Elections take place on December 14th, next, I would appreciate your early advice as to whether our offer is acceptable or not. If the City acquires Poplar Island, it is intended to carry out the development immediately.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

"W.M. Mott",

Mayor.

WMM/S.

Municipal Clerk.

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COPY:

DEPARTMENT OF MINES & RESOURCES
INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.
November 6th, 1944.

W.M. Mott, Esq.,
Mayor, City of New Westminster,
New Westminster, B.C.

Dear Mr. Mott:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 3rd., in which you offer the sum of $15,000.00 for Poplar Island Indian Reserve.

I have forwarded your letter to the Indian Commissioner today, and drawn his attention to the fact that you would like to have the decision of the Department at an early date, in view of the fact that the Municipal Elections take place on the 14th. day of December.

For your information, I would point out that as there are 27.10 acres in the Island, your offer of $15,000.00 represents a price of approximately $555.00 per acre, and not $400.00 an acre, as stated in your letter. I have drawn the attention of the Commissioner to this fact.

Yours sincerely,
"A. D'N. Daunt"
Indian Agent.

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MAYOR'S OFFICE

W. M. MOTT, MAYOR
NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

November 23rd. 1944.

Tom Reid, M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa.

Dear Tom:-

I am enclosing a copy of a letter written to Mr. Daunt, Indian Agent, in which we have made an offer of $15,000.00 for Poplar Island.

From information received we understand that Major McKay, Indian Agent for British Columbia, has requested the Government to set the price at $27,000.00. As you are aware it would be out of the question for any individual Company to pay that price and expend a further amount to develop this Island. We feel our offer which is approximately $555.00 per acre, plus the cost of bridging and servicing this Island, is a very good proposition. We assess acreage on Lulu Island, where all services are available at $250.00 per acre. When the offer of $27,000.00 was made some years ago, the Island was bridged to the mainland and was supplied with light, water etc.

You will recollect at our meeting with Mr. McGill and Mr. Jackson in Ottawa last year, when we took up the matter of the



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Indian Reserves Lands, where the Canadian Industries Ltd., Westminster Paper Mills and Alaska Pine Company are situated, I mentioned at that time that we would be in the market to purchase Poplar Island at a later date and this offer was acceptable to Mr. Jackson, who stated the Department was interested in disposing of the Indian Reserves Lands in New Westminster. It was with this thought in mind that we find ourselves at the present time anxious to purchase Poplar Island for post war rehabilitation work.

No doubt we could extend our boundaries in some other direction and for the amount we offer namely $15,000.00, we could obtain more than the 27 acres, which Poplar Island contains. For instance,Annacis Island would probably be very suitable to us but we are anxious to obtain Poplar Island for the reason that it lies within our City limits.

Harry Sullivan is making a trip East for a check-up at Mayos and is calling at Ottawa and Montreal. We have discussed the above matter with him as he was on the Council a few years ago when this question was considered. Harry will be able to discuss the matter in details and I will leave it to your own good judgment whether or not you should wait until his arrival before interviewing the Indian Department.

Thanking you for your continued co-operation and with kind personal regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

W W Wilson

Mayor.

WMM/S.

Municipal Clerk.

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Ottawa, Nov. 25th, 1944.

Mayor William Mott,
Mayor's Office,
New Westminster, B.C.

Dear Mayor Mott:-

Just a note acknowledging receipt of your letter of November 23rd with copies of communications enclosed in regards to Poplar Island.

Intend just as soon as I can find time to take this matter up with the Minister and Department concerned. You can be assured of my doing everything possible to have this matter settled as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

TOM REID,
MEMBER FOR NEW WESTMINSTER.

Municipal Clerk.

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Ottawa, Ontario
November 27th, 1944

Mr. Ford Pratt,
Secretary,
Department of Mines and Resources,
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Dear Mr. Pratt:

I have been appealed to on behalf of the City of New Westminster in connection with the city's intention to purchase Poplar Island. From information received it would appear that a price of $27,000.00 is being asked for this piece of property by the Government. The City of New Westminster has made an offer of $555.00 per acre and considered this offer an extremely fair and generous one.

The fact should not be overlooked that when the City procures this property they will be faced with the cost of building a bridge to the Island besides servicing the district with sewers, streets and sidewalks. When the price of $27,000.00 was set by the Government some years ago the Island was bridged to the mainland; but this bridge no longer exists.

I am of the opinion that the offer made to the Government by the City Council should be accepted and am appealing to you asking if you could not re-open the entire matter.

Yours truly,

TOM REID
Member for New Westminster

P.S. The price offered by the City of N. W. is $15,000.

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CANADA
MINISTER
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES

Ottawa, Ontario,
November 30, 1944.

Dear Mr. Reid:

Your letter of November 27th is acknowledged with reference to the offer of the City of New Westminster to purchase Poplar Island Indian Reserve.

It is true that the City has offered $15,000.00 and we believe it to be true that the Commissioner for British Columbia may have quoted the figure of $1,000.00 an acre when he was approached with reference to the purchase. Under date of November 17th the Commissioner was advised to select a competent valuator with a knowledge of industrial sites and have him prepare and submit for departmental consideration an appraisal of Poplar Island in order that we might have the benefit of independent advice as to the present and potential value of this Indian asset. I am sure you will appreciate the necessity of obtaining such independent advice before persuing negotiations further with the City.

An expression of your own views in the matter will of course be helpful and is appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

W.J.F. Pratt,
Private Secretary.

Tom Reid, Esq., M.P.,
House of Commons,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Municipal Clerk.

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Ottawa, December 4th, 1944

Mayor W. M. Mott,
New Westminster, B.C.

Dear Mayor Mott:-

I am writing you with further reference to your communication of November 23rd and following mine to you of November 25th in regards to the proposed purchase of Poplar Island from the Dominion Government.

Following receipt of your communication I took the matter up personally with the Department of Mines and Resources and in the light of the representations made by you on the matter. Have just been informed that under date of November 17th the Commissioner was advised to select a competent valuator with a knowledge of industrial sites and he has been asked by the Department to prepare and submit an appraisal of Poplar Island in order that the Government might have the benefit of independent advice as to the present and potential value of this Indian Reserve.

In sending you this information want you to know that in my representations to the Government I urged that the purchase price of $15,000.00 offered by the City Council be accepted.

Assuring you of my continuing co-operation in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

TOM REID,
MEMBER FOR NEW WESTMINSTER.

Municipal Clerk.

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A. G. BRINE, J. P.
CITY CLERK

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

OTTAWA, ONTARIO,
Sept. 26, 1945.

Mayor and City Council,
Port of New Westminster, B.C.

Dear Sirs:-

I am writing you regarding the army huts located on Eighth Street. It was my understanding that the City Council desired the removal of these huts as speedily as possible, so that the property could be utilized for permanent homes.

For your information may say, that some few days ago representations were made by myself to the Minister of National Defence, who informed me that he was taking the matter up immediately with the appropriate officers of his Department, and in the light of the representations made to him. He further pointed out, that when these huts are made surplus, and as not being required by National Defence, they will then be turned over to War Assets Corporation for disposal.

It may well be your Council may be interested in some of the buildings, if so, it would be necessary in that event to make representations to War Assets Corporation in Vancouver, whose address is: Mr. M. Montgomery, 410 Seymour St., Bank of Toronto Building.

In the light, however, of the present increased growth of the City with its constant demand for new homes, and due to the representations made to me deemed it advisable to press upon the Minister, the necessity of having these army huts disposed off and removed as soon as possible, and with this object in view, it is my intention to continue the representations.

Would appreciate, however, your taking the matter under advisement, and in the light of this communication.

Yours very truly,

"CANADA'S FASTEST GROWING HARBOUR"

Date Oct.27th,1945.

Chairman,
Crown Assets Allocation Committee.

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A. G. BRINE, J. P.
CITY CLERK

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

OTTAWA, ONTARIO,
Sept. 25, 1945.

Mr. A. G. Brine, J.P.,
City Clerk,
Port of New Westminster, B.C.

Dear Mr. Brine:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication of September 21st in which you forward me resolution adopted at the Provincial Convention of the Canadian Legion held at Revelstoke, B.C., in May last, and which resolution in regard to homes for veterans has been endorsed by the City Council.

In regards to this may say intend to place the same before the Government, and in the light of your request.

Yours very truly,

TOM REID,
MEMBER FOR NEW WESTMINSTER.

"CANADA'S FASTEST GROWING HARBOUR"

for ~~Executive Assistant Secretary~~
Chairman,
Crown Assets Allocation Committee.

Date Oct.27th,1945.

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A. G. BRINE, J. P.
CITY CLERK

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

PORT OF NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.

September 21st. 1945.

Tom Reid, M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Reid:-

This is to advise that at a regular meeting of the City Council held on September 17th. last, it was:

Moved by Alderman Jackson,
Sec'd by Alderman Cook,
That the following resolution be endorsed, as adopted at the Provincial Convention of the Canadian Legion held at Revelstoke, B.C., May 27th. - 31st.1945 and approved by the Citizens' Rehabilitation Conference in Vancouver, B.C., July 31st. - August 2nd.1945.

"Be it resolved that we request the Dominion Government to enact Legislation enabling all veterans desiring to establish homes in urban areas to enjoy the same advantages, both as to contract and the rate of interest, and any other conditions as enjoyed by veterans under the Veterans Land Act taking small holdings adjacent to the City;

And further that such a contract should have a specific provision in it permitting the Veteran to dispose of his interest in the property if circumstances make it necessary."
CARRIED.

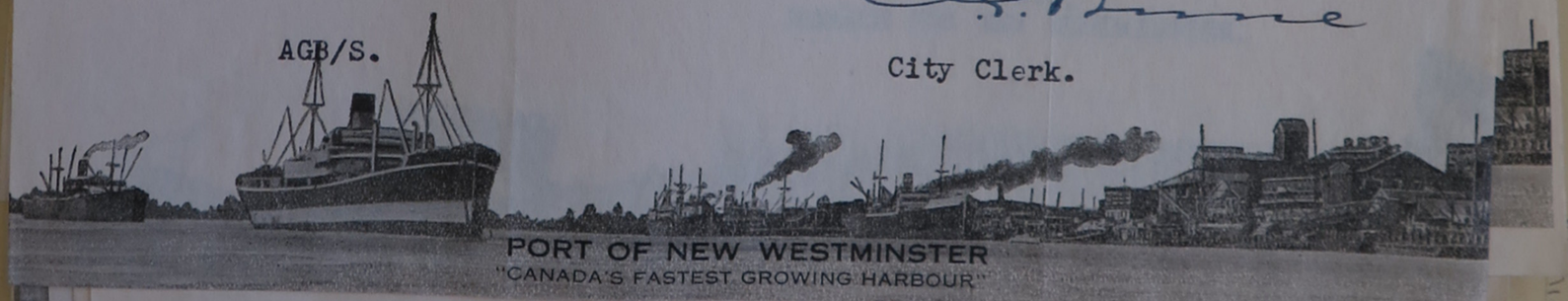
A similar letter has been forwarded to Hon. Ian A. Mackenzie, Minister of Veterans Affairs, Ottawa.

Yours respectfully,

A. G. Brine

City Clerk.

AGB/S.



for ~~Executive Assistant Secretary~~
Chairman,
Crown Assets Allocation Committee.

Date Oct.27th.1945.

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A. G. BRINE, J. P.
CITY CLERK

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

PORT OF NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

October 2nd. 1945.

Tom Reid, M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Reid:- Re: Army Huts located on Eighth Street.

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 26th., which was read at a regular meeting of the City Council held last evening.

His Worship the Mayor and Aldermen appreciate the prompt action you have taken in this matter and wish to assure you they desire to have these huts removed as soon as possible, in order that the property may be available for home construction.

The members of the Council, therefore, ask that you continue your representations to the Minister of National Defence, on their behalf.

It is the intention of our Engineering Department to make a survey of the huts to ascertain whether or not any of the buildings would be suitable for our use.

Yours respectfully,

A. G. Brine

AGB/S. City Clerk.



Chairman,
Crown Assets Allocation Committee.

Date Oct.27th,1945.

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SECRETARY:
MRS. S. KING
PHONE: RICHMOND 1233

AIR MAIL

OTTAWA, ONTARIO,
October 19, 1945.

Mrs. H. M. Strudwick,
Secty. Langley School Board,
Municipal Hall,
Murrayville, B.C.

Dear Mrs. Strudwick:-

At last I have received some definite information regarding the Langley Airport, and am writing you in accordance with the request made by the Langley School Board in connection with securing a portion of the property for a new High School and in conjunction with an Experimental or Demonstration Farm.

Information was given me only today that this Airport has been declared surplus by the R.C.A.F. and turned over to the Civil Aviation Division, and that shortly the property may be turned over to War Assets Corporation for disposal. The Minister has advised Civil Aviation Division and Crown Assets Allocation Committee of the interest of the Langley School District in procuring a portion of this property.

It was further pointed out to me, that the Veterans' Land Committee for sometime past been interested in this property with the view of having the same sub-divided for the establishment of ex service men under the Veterans' Land Act. I have just been in consultation with the Director of the Veterans' Land Act, who suggests that perhaps the easiest way to have the matter dealt with when the property is made available by War Assets Corporation is for his Department to acquire the entire property, and then in turn come to some agreement with the Langley School Board as to the amount of the property they would require for the purposes suggested by them. The Director at Ottawa, I understand, is instructing Mr. Barnet of the Veterans' Land Committee in Vancouver along these lines, and am suggesting that a Committee of the Langley School Board interview as soon as possible Mr. Barnet, so that the requirements of the Board may be made definitely known to this Department of Government.

p.t.o.....

Date Oct.27th,1945.

Crown Assets Allocation Committee.

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SECRETARY:
MRS. S. KING
PHONE: RICHMOND 1233

AIR MAIL

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If this arrangement and suggestion meets with your approval, you might let me know as soon as possible, as in the event of some other arrangement being deemed advisable it will give me time to make further representations after I hear from you in the event of these differing.

Having just received the information I am sending this out immediately by Air Mail, and in doing so want you to know of my continuing interest in the matter, and of my willingness to be of assistance whenever possible.

Yours very truly,

TOM REID,
MEMBER FOR NEW WESTMINSTER.

Date_____

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MAYOR'S OFFICE

W. M. MOTT, MAYOR
NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

October 11th. 1945.

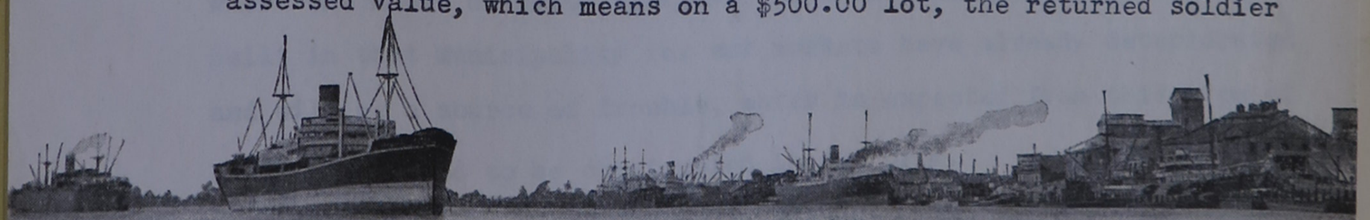
Mr. Tom Reid, M.P.,
House of Commons,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Reid:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 17th., with reference to the request made for the transfer of Mr. Percy Frank Belyea. I have forwarded a copy of the same to Mr.Keith Price of Gregory Price Ltd.,who is interested in this matter. Thank you very much for the representations made, on his behalf.

Your letter,regarding the removal of the army huts located on 8th. Street in our City,was brought to the attention of the City Council at its last regular meeting and it was decided quite definitely that these huts should be demolished as there is no further need for them.

I might say, that we are still confronted with the problem of building homes for our returned soldiers. As you, no doubt know, the American interests have given up the deal they had with us to erect homes on our new Sub-division, which has resulted in our placing this land, containing 53 lots, on the market for sale, giving preference to our returned soldiers and charging them 40% of the assessed value, which means on a $500.00 lot, the returned soldier



for ~~Executive Secretary~~
Chairman,
Crown Assets Allocation Committee.

Date Oct.27th,1945.

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can purchase the same for $200.00, in other words, they are receiving a grant of approximately $300.00 on a $500.00 lot from the City of New Westminster. However, we are very badly handicapped in not being able to have any houses constructed on these individual lots.

When we opened up this Sub-division of 53 lots, in two days 33 lots were purchased by returned soldiers and at the present time I believe they have all be absorbed by these men, who, naturally, are most anxious to get started in the construction of their own homes.

We had Mr.Nicolls of the National Housing here to meet the Council recently, along with some of the Building Contractors and he was quite definite that preference would be given first to returned soldiers under the Veterans Land Act System.

I might also state that we have been requested on three occasions to adopt the building of wartime houses in this City but have refused to do so, as we are not desirous of erecting this type of house, which we feel would eventually be the means of turning this Sub-division into a slum area. The point that I am coming to is, if material can be obtained to build 300 cheap wartime houses that they are anxious for us to construct,why couldn't this material be released for the type of house we wish to build on individual lots, above referred to. I think this would be a good point for you to take up with the Government and anything you can do will be greatly appreciated.

Only a few nights ago I noticed in one of the Vancouver papers where the Reeve of North Vancouver made the statement that the homes built in that Municipality for war workers have already deteriorated and will be a source of trouble, which is expected from this type of house if allowed to be constructed in our City.

for ~~Executive Secretary~~ Chairman,
Crown Assets Allocation Committee.

Date Oct.27th,1945.

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I am enclosing a copy of "School and Society" in which is a short story on the proposed Peace Arch College, which I thought might be of interest to you.

Trusting this letter finds you in the best of health and with kind personal regards,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Wm. Bill Mott

Mayor.

WMM/S.

Date Oct.27th,1945.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
J. S. IRVIN
for ~~Executive Assistant Secretary~~
Chairman,
Crown Assets Allocation Committee.

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J. W. KIRKLAND

AIR MAIL

, OTTAWA, ONTARIO,
November 5, 1945.

Mr. E. A. Fountain,
Clerk,
Corporation of the Township of Langley,
Municipal Hall,
MURRAYVILLE, B.C.

Dear Mr. Fountain:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication of November 1st in which you write me regarding the Langley Airport and with particular reference to my communication to the Langley School Board in regards to the disposal of the same.

I am not quite sure what information the Langley School Board gave you or the Langley Council regarding this matter, but in the light of your remarks I am enclosing copy of communication sent to the Secretary of the Langley School Board on October 19th. You will note in paragraph 2 of this communication the information given is, that the airport had been declared surplus by the R.C.A.F. and turned over to the Civil Aviation Division, following which I state, the property may be turned over to the War Assets Corporation for disposal. This information the School Board had before them when they and the Council visited the War Assets Corporation in Vancouver, hence their statement to the delegation was in accordance with the information contained in my communication to the School Board on October 19th, namely, that the airport had not yet been turned over to them.

As the Veterans' Land Committee is also interested in this property with the view of having the same sub-divided for the establishment of ex service men, I informed the School Board that perhaps the best way to deal with the matter was to discuss the same with Mr. Barnet of the Veterans' Land Committee in Vancouver, and in the enclosed communication you will note that the Director at Ottawa was instructing Mr. Barnet to co-operate with a Committee of the Langley School Board in the matter of their request.

p.t.o.....

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J. W. KIRKLAND
~~A. D. PATERSON~~, REEVE.

J. P. SMITH, CLERK.

So far I have had no information from the School Board as to what steps have been taken by them following my communication of October 19th, and so your letter is the first intimation I have had of the Langley Council being interested in acquiring a piece of this property for school purposes. If I am wrong in this, would appreciate your correcting me, for at the moment my files of last Session are back at the Coast.

It might be advisable if the Council and the School Board could work as one unit in a matter of this kind, as the objects desired are similar.

In the light of the information sent to the Langley School Board on October 19th and in the light of my efforts in the matter, am at a loss at the moment to know what further can be said other than to assure you of my doing everything possible so that the wishes and desires of the Langley School Board in the matter may be attained, and which desires and wishes I note by your letter are now those of the Langley Council.

One matter I would like to mention although not important, nevertheless, to keep the record straight, would appreciate your looking back over your correspondence between your Council and myself in connection with the disposition of the Langley Airport, for I note in the opening paragraph of your communication you state, that it was definitely understood that the Langley Council would have been notified in the event that the airport was being disposed of by the government. The School Board so far as I know have taken the initiative in regards to acquiring a portion of the airport for a High School and Agricultural College, and in corresponding with them on the matter felt I was dealing with the proper authorities.

In closing may say everything possible has been done and will continue to be done to bring about the desired results.

Yours very truly,

TOM REID,
MEMBER FOR NEW WESTMINSTER.

ENCL.

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