

28 February 1964.

TO THE MEMBERS
OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Gentlemen: Re: Family Court Committee.

It is required of each Municipality that a Family Court Committee be appointed by the Municipal Council. Section 12 of the Family and Children's Court Act is the pertinent section. It is stipulated that the Committee shall serve without remuneration and that the Committee shall include, where feasible, some persons with experience in matters of education, health, probation, and welfare. It is further suggested that "the Committee shall meet from time to time, not less than four times a year, to consider and examine the resources of the community for family and children's work, to assist the officers and Judges of the Court when requested, and generally to make such recommendations to the Court, the Chief Probation Officer, or the Director of Welfare for the Province, as may seem proper." As well, "The Committee shall, either as a Committee or through sub-committees of one or more members each, assist the officers and Judges of the Court when called upon for provision of a community resource in individual cases."

Although the size of the Committee is not stated in the Act, your Reeve recommends that five (5) members be appointed. This matter has been discussed with such people as the Magistrate, Solicitor, and the Social Welfare Administrator.

It is recommended that the following appointments be made:

- (1) Mr. Donald A. Copan, 4667 Highlawn Drive, Burnaby 2, B. C.

Mr. Copan is the First Vice President of the Burnaby Community Council and is a School Administrator.

- (2) Mr. David P. Gray, 7211 Sussex Avenue, Burnaby 1, B. C.

Mr. Gray, who retired last year as Principal of Nelson Avenue School, is a long time resident of Burnaby and has all the desirable attributes for such an appointment.

- (3) Mr. James E. B. Holdom, 5232 East Hastings Street, Burnaby 2, B. C.

Mr. Holdom, who is associated with an investment firm, has long been active in Community affairs.

- (4) Mrs. Clarence Wells, 5594 West Grandview-Douglas Highway.

Mrs. Wells, housewife, is the President of the Burnaby Parent-Teacher Council, and is highly recommended by her associates in this activity.

- (5) Mr. George A. Whiten, 4455 Maplewood Crescent, Burnaby 1, B. C.

Mr. Whiten, a Social Worker, is the Executive Director of Alexandra Neighbourhood House and has had long association with family problems.

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These will be yearly appointments with new appointments, or reappointments, to be made by the Municipal Council in January of each year. As the Committee is to have both a Chairman and Vice Chairman, it is suggested that the members, when appointed, fill these positions on their own initiative.

Respectfully submitted,



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