

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

December 22, 1967

HIS WORSHIP, THE REEVE,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL:

Gentlemen:

REPORT OF THE HOUSING COMMITTEE

Re: Proposed Senior Citizens' High Rise Accommodation

Your Committee has further considered the proposal to erect a high rise building to accommodate senior citizens on the Old Municipal Hall site, which will become available early in the New Year, and would report that we support fully the concept proposed.

We do concern that the site will lend itself well to the use proposed, in that there are available to it community facilities, adequate shopping opportunities and is served by excellent public transit facilities, a most necessary consideration when locating senior citizens.

That there is need, is quite evident, and your Committee is quite cognizant of the urgency to provide suitable accommodation to house our senior citizens. We do, however, submit that before embarking on projects to provide such accommodation it is first essential to evaluate very carefully the actual need in this field, especially with respect to the facilities to be provided, e.g. bachelor or one-bedroom accommodation, communal dining or self-contained suites.

Having considered the report of the Municipal Manager respecting the proposals, and having the benefit of a preliminary report of the Planning Department in this regard, your Committee would make the following recommendations:

- (i) That the Planning Director undertake a study and examine fully the feasibility of locating a high-rise building for senior citizen accommodation on the Old Municipal Hall site, with particular emphasis on actual need; type of accommodation that will best satisfy this need; parking and recreational requirements in relation to this need, and all other aspects that fall within the purview of the Planning function respecting this proposal.
- (ii) That Mr. Peter F. Smith, Architect, be commissioned to conduct a study that will examine and investigate the following in relation to the proposal:
  - (a) Existing Police Building - its demolition or retention, feasibility of further use with cost comparison, upkeep and servicing.
  - (b) Existing Headquarters Library - Expansion and future use, parking.

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- (iii) That there be liaison between Mr. Peter Smith and the Planning Department respecting the above and, emanating from their studies, a joint report be brought forward for the consideration of Council whence you may then direct that preliminary designs and drawings be prepared.

Your Committee would also recommend that, before any agreement be entered into with Mr. Smith respecting the above, the cost of conducting such a study be first ascertained and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Dailly,  
CHAIRMAN,  
HOUSING COMMITTEE.

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