

August 2nd, 1965.

The Corporation of the District of Burnaby.

His Worship the Reeve and the members of Council:

Gentlemen:           Re: Report of the Justice Building  
Committee.

Since the recommendation that the architectural firm of McCarter & Nairne be commissioned to design a justice building, the justice building committee has worked closely with the architects, the Municipal manager, and other members of the Municipal staff.

Throughout the various meetings with the architects, the Municipal manager and members of the Municipal staff, your committee has kept in mind that the building that Council is considering erecting should be comprised of the following:

- (a) Magistrates' courts and ancillary offices thereto for the administration of justice;
- (b) Police station and ancillary facilities thereto for the enforcement of law and order;
- (c) Prosecutors' offices and ancillary offices thereto;
- (d) Family and juvenile court for resolving family and juvenile matters.

These are the basic functions and/or departments in the administration of justice that will be contained in the proposed building. The relationship of these different functions to one another must, however, be carefully planned if the building is to attain a status or public image as an instrument for the administration of justice.

In order to attain this image, it is most essential that the separation of the judiciary, law enforcement agency and the prosecution be achieved. This separation is, in fact, implicit in our legal system and indeed essential to the proper administration of justice. The public when entering the proposed justice building should, through proper planning and design, be aware that there is a separation of authorities. That is, the man who sits on the bench sits there as an independent impartial observer of the evidence being adduced by counsel. Secondly, the public should be aware that the law enforcement agency functions separately from the court in gathering of evidence and maintaining of law and order. Thirdly, the function of the prosecutor's office as a separate entity from the court of judiciary should also be realized. Finally, although separation of function should be attained, it should be done in such a manner as to allow for the efficient and secured transfer of prisoners, exhibits, etcetera, from the police quarters to the court rooms.

The architects working in terms of separation and yet efficiency of overall functions have, we believe, designed a building with the basic concept hereinbefore described.

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BASIC PLAN OF BUILDING:

The basic plan of the building should contain the following major divisions

Court room area:

- (a) Four magistrate's courts, two to be completed and two to be roughed in;
- (b) Family and juvenile court room;
- (c) Offices and ancillary facilities.

Total area..... 17,450 square feet.

Police quarters area:

Police quarters area together with garage, parade room..... 27,900 square feet.

Total building area..... 45,370 square feet.

Estimated costs:

The estimated costs of the construction of the proposed justice building are as follows:

Building.....	\$1,062,000.00
Preparation of site excluding demolition of any existing buildings but including base work, yard work and landscaping together with civic square....	\$ 170,000.00
Furniture.....	\$ 65,000.00
Expense (architects and consultants' fees).....	\$ 81,500.00
Land acquisition.....	\$ 100,000.00
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total.....	\$1,478,500.00
Contingency fund.....	\$ 21,500.00
Floatation costs.....	\$ 50,000.00
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total required.....	\$1,550,000.00

Recommendations of the Committee:

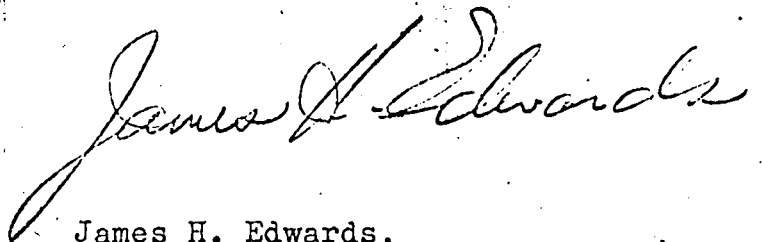
Your Committee on the basis of the above analysis recommends as follows:

1. That the architects be instructed to prepare detailed plans and specifications with all dispatch;

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2. That the site of the building be in close proximity to the Municipal hall, namely, north and east between Gilpin and Grandview-Douglas highway.
3. That the basic concept for the building as outlined above and as contained in the preliminary plans of the architects (submitted herewith) be approved;
4. That Council have prepared and passed a by-law pursuant to Section 253 of the Municipal Act and enabling legislation passed at the last sitting of the British Columbia Legislature in the amount of One million five hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$1,550,000.00) to cover all costs, as hereinbefore described, for the construction of the said building.

Respectfully submitted,



James H. Edwards,  
Chairman of the Justice  
Building Committee.