

13. Re: Data Processing

The Regional District of Kootenay Boundary which includes Midway, Grand Forks, Rossland, Warfield, Fruitvale, Montrose and Trail, are proposing to engage the services of Yolland, Soligo & Babcock, Chartered Accountants of Trail, B.C., who operate an IBM 360 Model 20 Computer. The Regional District of Kootenay Boundary believe that they will become operational faster and will save a great deal of money if Burnaby will consent to supply them with computer and office systems for assessments, taxing, and voters' lists.

It cost Burnaby upwards of \$10,000. to develop these systems. They have been thoroughly tested in the five years they have been in use. Nevertheless, the Treasurer recommends that the systems be made available to the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary at the cost in staff and machine time it will take to compile the systems for their use and to give them whatever assistance they will require. This is expected to be about \$2,150.

We see no good purpose being served in attempting to recover capital costs. Our capital costs are lower than normal because most of the work was done by our own staff and because we had already had some experience in data processing before acquiring our present installation. In any event, the capital cost has long since been paid off.

The programs would become the property of the Regional District and not the data processing firm. If this proves a success, it is likely that other Regional Districts will also ask for our assistance.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Burnaby supply the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary with computer and office systems for assessments, taxing and voters' lists at the cost in staff and machine time it will take to compile the systems for their use, and to also give them whatever assistance they will require.