

7. Re: Letter - Mrs. Gerri Richards, 5510 Rumble Street
Request for Building Space

Appearing on the Agenda for the July 17, 1972, Council meeting is a letter from Mrs. Gerri Richards, 1st Vice President of the Greater Vancouver Helpful Neighbour Society, requesting rent free space for a workshop in a Municipally owned building.

The Municipal Social Service Administrator advises that the Society is doing a good job of providing social services to low income members of the community, and that location of a Society workshop in Burnaby would be beneficial.

The Administrator is aware of the Society's inquiry regarding availability of space in the Municipal Civil Defence building. This building is currently used by members of the Red Cross, Opportunities Incentive Program and the Employment Preparation project. Only two 8' x 8' offices are unoccupied, and these must be retained by the Municipal Social Service Department for possible expansion of Department personnel into these areas. (It is anticipated that the occupancy of all available space in Municipal Hall will result in the assignment of some Department employees to the Civil Defence building in the near future.)

The Social Service Administrator and Land Agent are unable to identify any Municipal building space which is available for use by the Society, or for that matter, for use by any non-Municipal organization engaged in administering social assistance to the public.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Mrs. Richards be informed that the Municipality does not have building space available, and therefore cannot comply with her request for accommodation.