

ITEM 12

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 76

COUNCIL MEETING Nov. 20/72

12. Re: Senior Governments' Grants in Lieu of Taxes

Alderman Ladner at the Council Meeting on October 30, 1972, expressed his views concerning Senior Governments' Grants in lieu of taxes. He stated that:

- "(a) it did not seem right that both the Federal and Provincial Governments should make their grants in lieu of taxes to Burnaby after the due date for the payment of taxes by property owners in the municipality;
- (b) Burnaby paid approximately \$175,000.00 for interest on short term borrowings required this year. If the Senior Governments had paid their grants (approximately \$500,000.00) earlier, the municipality would not need to have borrowed as much as it did and therefore would not need to have paid as much interest."

Following consideration of the points made by Alderman Ladner, Council directed the Manager to approach the Provincial Department of Municipal Affairs to determine whether some arrangement can be effected in the future that would be more satisfactory than that which currently prevails in regard to the payment of grants in lieu of taxes.

Mr. W.K. Smith, Deputy Minister, in a letter to the Manager dated November 10, 1972, advised that "your letter of November 7 with reference to Provincial Grants in lieu of taxes has been referred to the Deputy Minister of Finance for his attention".

Further information on this matter will be referred to Council when it is received from the Provincial Government.

This is for the information of Council.