

ITEM 37

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 48

COUNCIL MEETING July 31/72

37. Re: Request for Building Space
Greater Vancouver Helpful Neighbour Society
(Item 7, Report No. 46, Meeting July 17, 1972)

Council on July 17, 1972, directed the Land Agent and the Parks & Recreation Administrator to determine the availability of rent free space in a Municipal Building to be used as a workshop by the Greater Vancouver Helpful Society. Consideration of the Society's request for space was tabled until July 31, 1972, at which time a staff report was scheduled to be submitted.

Staff has considered the request for space and advises that the only Municipal Building available is the Civil Defence Building located in Confederation Park. Unfortunately, the building is only available for three days a week and does not have storage accommodations which are required by the Society.

The Assistant Social Services Administrator contacted Mrs. Richards and suggested that she attempt to find suitable accommodations on a lease basis. Mrs. Richards acted on this recommendation and located a store front vacancy at 3731 East Hastings Street. The space is 500 square feet and rents for \$85.00 per month.

The Solicitor advises that Section 202(h) of the Municipal Act allows Council "By an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of all the members thereof to grant aid to any organization deemed by the Council to be contributing to the general interests and advantage of the Municipality".

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT authorization be given to staff to pay the full rental of \$85.00 per month for building space at 3731 East Hastings Street, to be used by the Greater Vancouver Helpful Society in the administration of services to the community.