

7. Re: Request to attend the Canadian Conference  
on Social Welfare

Mr. E. Coughlin, Social Service Administrator, has requested authority to attend the Canadian Conference on Social Welfare in Quebec City on June 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, 1972.

The basic theme for this biennial Canadian conference is social evaluation, the costs of the community...for the individual...for decision-making...for values. The program is varied but is primarily oriented toward four sub themes:

- a. Social Services
- b. Work and income
- c. Housing
- d. Social and economic changes.

In addition to speakers and panelists, there will be workshops and a large book exhibit that includes subjects on social welfare, social work, housing, urban affairs, health, community development and other related topics.

The Social Service Administrator has attended the Conference on several occasions and feels that it is an excellent source for obtaining pertinent ideas and information on administration of welfare benefits. The total estimated cost of attending the Conference is \$476.50 (50% of the cost is recoverable under the Canada Assistance Plan).

The Social Service Administrator would of course not attend the Conference if the strike against the Municipality is still in progress on June 18, 1972.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Mr. E. Coughlin be authorized to attend the Canadian Conference on Social Welfare in Quebec City providing that the labor strike has ended by the time the Conference begins.