

34. Re: Welfare Rates

MEMO
TO: BURNABY'S DEPARTMENT
FROM: SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
DATE: JUNE 11, 1973

On behalf of Council, the Deputy Municipal Clerk, on June 4, 1973, requested the Social Services Administrator to provide answers to the following questions which arose out of discussion of recently announced increases in welfare rates:

- "(1) How many recipients in Burnaby will now receive less than before because of the fact they will not be entitled to receive such extras as allowances for clothing?
- (2) Is Burnaby receiving an inordinate number of persons seeking aid who have recently arrived from other Provinces in Canada?
- (3) What number of people on Welfare travel from the Lower Mainland to the East and how does this compare to the reverse situation?
- (4) What kind of aid do persons from the East receive?"

Following is the report dated June 8, 1973, of the Social Services Administrator, in answer to the above questions.

We are not familiar with the details of the Vancouver operation in this respect, but we have confirmed that there will be no clients in Burnaby receiving less under the new welfare scale than they did under the old scale.

This is for the information of Council.

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MANAGER:

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Reference the Council's memo of June 4 re above, the following emerges:

- (1) No client in Burnaby will receive less under the new welfare scale than they did under the old scale.
- (2) It is an unknown factor how many out-of-the Province cases arrive in B.C. monthly as the Province does not keep statistics on this matter, particularly because assistance cannot be denied any citizen of Canada, under the terms of the Canada Assistance Plan.

Burnaby has kept a record of the out-of Province cases merely as general information for our Department.

It is not felt Burnaby has an inordinately high number of these cases.

- (3) There are no statistics available to indicate how many persons travel to the East and, as stated above, there are no statistics available for those arriving.
- (4) Each Province has its own welfare rates and all of them vary. This Department has no knowledge of any of the rates in any other province.

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