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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 43

COUNCIL MEETING June 11/73

35. Re: Juvenile Remand-Detention Needs in the
Greater Vancouver Regional District to 1986
Report Prepared by P.S. Ross & Partners for the
Greater Vancouver Regional District

We have been advised that the report entitled "Juvenile Remand-Detention Needs in the Greater Vancouver Regional District in 1986" as prepared by P.S. Ross and Partners, Management Consultants, was received by the Board of the Greater Vancouver Regional District at its May 2, 1973 meeting.

The Minutes of that meeting are attached.

The Municipal Manager is a member of the Regional Administrative Advisory Committee and concurs in the recommendations of the Advisory Committee.

Attached for the Council is a copy of the report.

This is for the information of Council.

ED. NRG.

Vander Zalm
(withdrawn)

3.4 It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That Director W. H. Vander Zalm's name be placed in nomination for Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors for the balance of 1973.

DIRECTOR VANDER ZALM DECLINED TO ACCEPT THE NOMINATION FOR DEPUTY CHAIRMAN.

BALLOT;
DEPUTY
CHAIRMAN
EVERS

BALLOTS WERE CAST, AND DIRECTOR LANGLEY DECLARED DIRECTOR M. S. EVERS ELECTED DEPUTY CHAIRMAN FOR THE BALANCE OF THE YEAR.

ADOPT
MINUTES

4. It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the minutes of a meeting held March 28, 1973 be adopted as circulated.

- CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE
REPORT

5. A report dated April 24, 1973 was received from the Executive Committee.

Juvenile
Remand-
Detention
Home Study

5.1 A report was circulated in connection with "Juvenile Remand-Detention Needs in the Greater Vancouver Regional District to 1986" [by P. S. Ross & Partners, Management Consultants], with the following letter dated April 17, 1973 from the Regional Administrative Advisory Committee:-

"As requested by the Board the Regional Administrative Advisory Committee appointed a Technical Sub-Committee to prepare terms of reference for the above study and then appointed a Technical Steering Committee to work with the Consultants during the preparation of the report.

The terms of reference originally provided P. S. Ross & Partners were altered when the Attorney General's Department agreed to contribute to the cost and it is for this reason that no reference to cost sharing and division of responsibility is contained in the report.

On March 30, 1973 the Regional Administrative Advisory Committee met with the Consultants and discussed the draft copy of their report and as a result of this meeting wish to bring the following to the attention of the Board:

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ED. MCG.

The committee feels it is necessary to point out that since the study was commissioned there has been a change in the Provincial Government attitude toward the treatment of juveniles in trouble. The study conclusions are based on the idea that recognition should be given to 'the practical realities in terms of present attitudes, the present structuring of government responsibilities, and the financial requirements and constraints involved.' The conclusions in the report dealing with temporary detention suggest a continuation of existing policies as to responsibility of costs to the municipalities. The centralized approach recommended is largely based on economics. Still the solutions recommended may be at variance with the present Provincial Government attitude. We would suggest that perhaps the Provincial objective is to reduce the size of institutions or eliminate them entirely. Recent provincial action in this direction is evidenced by the closure of the Willingdon School for girls - the very facility the subject report would now see reactivated. There seems to be a degree of inconsistency between the actions of the Province and the recommendations which bear exploration prior to reaching a decision based upon the study.

The establishment of a centralized juvenile remand-detention center, whether in accordance with present Provincial attitude or not, is just part of the whole problem of dealing with juveniles. The report indicates there would be more emphasis placed upon intensive probation outside the remand facility and greater assessment and diagnostic resources within the center. These functions in the past and at present are, throughout British Columbia, mainly the responsibility of the Province. The treatment, care and custody of juveniles in trouble are generally under the control of the Superintendent of Child Welfare. In the committee's opinion a standard province-wide policy should be established prior to acceptance by the Greater Vancouver Regional District of any responsibility for providing probation, assessment and diagnostic services at the cost of its member municipalities.

The cost of providing the care mentioned above is a form of welfare cost and we would suggest that if local government is to bear any share of this cost the local share should not, in any case, exceed the prevailing municipal percentage share of welfare costs.

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In conclusion the Regional Administrative Advisory Committee recommends that prior to any action being taken by the Board on the Consultant's report that discussions be held with the Provincial Government for the purpose of:

1. Determining the attitude and policies of the Province in the treatment of juveniles in trouble, particularly the direction to be followed in juvenile remand-detention and rehabilitation.
2. Establishing a financial responsibility arrangement with province-wide application for costs associated with the treatment of juveniles."

Your Executive Committee has reviewed this matter, and recommends approval of the Regional Administrators' two recommendations; it is also considered important, in view of the Consultant's advice with respect to the former Willingdon School for Girls, that the Provincial Government be advised of the importance of considering the former Willingdon School for Girls site as a new Juvenile Remand Detention Home.

It is also recommended that Mayor M. S. Evers and Alderman M. E. Linnell be asked to undertake a review of the Juvenile Remand Detention Home report and to meet with representatives of the Provincial Government to discuss the points raised in the April 17 letter from the Regional Administrative Advisory Committee with a view to recommending a course of action for the Board's consideration."

5.1.1 It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That the report entitled "Juvenile Remand Detention Needs in the Greater Vancouver Regional District to 1986" be received and that the recommendations made in the last paragraph of the letter dated April 17, 1973 from the Regional Administrative Advisory Committee be approved; and further, that the Provincial Government be made aware of the need to consider the former Willingdon School for Girls as a new Juvenile Remand Detention Home.

- CARRIED.

5.1.2 It was MOVED and SECONDED,

That Directors M. S. Evers and M. E. Linnell be asked to undertake a review of the Juvenile Remand Detention Home report and to meet with representatives of the Provincial Government to discuss the points raised in the April 17 letter from the Regional Administrative Advisory Committee for the purpose of recommending a course of action for the Board to consider.

- CARRIED.