

10. Re: Municipal Hall - West Building
\$4,000 Capital Grant - B.C. Tuberculosis - Christmas Seal Society
\$5,000 Capital Grant - The Canadian Red Cross Society

For some time the Municipal Manager has been exploring avenues for financial assistance towards the construction of our new Health Unit in the Municipal Hall - West Building. Several sources have been checked.

Application for financial assistance was made to the B.C. Tuberculosis - Christmas Seal Society and on June 18, 1973, we were advised by Mr. D.R. Parker, Executive Secretary of the Society that the Society would support the Health Unit in the amount of \$4,000. This grant represents the difference between the maximum available to any Health Unit of \$14,000 and that which was already granted to the Municipality when the West Wing was built on the Municipal Hall, viz. \$10,000. We also understand that there will be financial assistance to us in relocating our X-ray unit from this building to the new building.

An application for a capital grant was also made to the Canadian Red Cross Society. Council will be aware of the fact that the Burnaby Branch of the Society is presently housed rent free in a building at the old Municipal Hall site on Kingsway behind the Library. The building is not in good condition and will likely be needed to be demolished within the next few years. We, therefore, examined the feasibility of providing some space in the new Health Unit as the Society presently works very closely in any event with the Victorian Order of Nurses which will be relocated into the new building from our present West Wing. The space allocation amounts to a desk and telephone for reception plus a small amount of office, filing and storage space. Storage space is also required in the basement for the Society's loan cupboard equipment; such as, wheel chairs, medical beds and rehabilitation aid equipment of various kinds. All of this equipment is used by the V.O.N. There is a close liaison between the V.O.N. and our staff so that such matters as duplicate house calls are avoided. We were advised on October 9, 1973, that the Red Cross Society's National Office has approved a capital grant of \$5,000 towards the construction cost of the Health Unit expansion.

The Municipal Manager has also applied to the Province of B.C. for any Provincial and/or Federal financial assistance that might be available for construction of the Health Unit. We have been advised that our request would be considered toward the end of this year by which time Dr. R.G. Foulkes is expected to make recommendations regarding a study that he is conducting on various aspects of the health care delivery system.

An application was made to the Canadian Cancer Society and we have been advised by the Society that its policy is not to make grants for the construction of health centers if they are located near or adjacent to any permanent office of the Society.

Any funds received from the above agencies would be used as a "source of revenue" for the project and will simply be used to reduce the amount of funds that are proposed to be borrowed from Tax Sale Moneys. Likewise, if there is need for additional funds, we will be recommending a greater draw on the Tax Sale Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the B.C. Tuberculosis - Christmas Seal Society \$4,000 grant be suitably acknowledged by the Municipal Clerk on behalf of the Municipality; and

THAT the Canadian Red Cross Society \$5,000 grant be suitably acknowledged by the Municipal Clerk on behalf of the Municipality.