

ITEM 19

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 29

COUNCIL MEETING Apr. 16/73

19. Re: Letter (undated) from Charlford House Society for Women  
7220 Charlford Street, Burnaby  
Application to Lease Municipal Land

Appearing on the Agenda for the April 16, 1973 meeting of Council is a request, undated but received by the Municipal Clerk on April 5, 1973, from the Charlford House Society for Women applying to lease Municipal land between 18th and 19th Avenues near Rumble Street for the purpose of establishing a Half-Way House for the rehabilitation of female alcoholics.

For information of Council, by letter of January 18, 1973 (copy attached), the Society first wrote to the Land Agent defining the purposes of the Society and requesting lease of Municipal land. On February 2, 1973 the Planning Department advised the Land Agent that "the P7 (Special Institutional) District would be the proper category for a rehabilitation centre of the type requested by the Charlford House Society for Women. Under these regulations, a site area of 25,600 square feet would be required to accommodate the 24 residents which have been proposed." The Planning Department also proposed three alternative sites, with this information being conveyed to the Society and resulting in the Society making the present request to lease three Municipal lots described as Lots 1, 2, 3, of Blk. 48, D.L. 95, Plan 1643 (sketch attached).

For further information of Council, the existing category of the subject Municipal properties is R5 (Two-Family Residential) and with Council approval to lease to the Charlford House Society, will require rezoning to P7. It is anticipated that the item will be included with other rezoning items for referral to Council during May, 1973.

With Council approval to lease, the intent of the Society is to erect a building suitable to accommodate 24 residents. The Land Agent advises that, should Council wish to lease the subject property to the Society, the lease rental would be \$450 per month, plus taxes.

For further information of Council, Charlford House, 7220 Charlford Street, is a private residence and is not tax exempt.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT Lots 1, 2, 3, of Block 48, D.L. 95 be advanced for rezoning from R5 to P7; and

THAT, subject to approval of rezoning as recommended above, approval be granted to lease the subject Corporation properties to the Charlford House Society for Women for the establishment of a rehabilitation centre for female alcoholics for the sum of \$450 per month, plus taxes; and

THAT a copy of this report be provided to the Charlford House Society for Women.

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CLERK'S OFFICE  
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APR 5 1973

Charford House Society  
For Women  
7220 Charford St.  
Burnaby B.C.

To The Members on the Council  
Burnaby Municipal Hall  
4949 Canada Way.  
Burnaby B.C.

Dear Sirs -

On behalf of the Board of Directors  
I would like to make Application to Lease  
some Land for the Charford House Society for  
Women. Would you please contact Mr. E. W. Grist  
Land Agent for all the particulars. We are  
interested in a parcel of land between 18th &  
19th Ave. close to Rumble St. There will be a  
Committee of three from the Board of Directors  
attending your Council Meeting on Monday  
night April 9th 1973.

Mr. E. W. Grist said he would give you all  
the information about this land.

Hoping this meets with your approval

I am yours truly,

Mrs. J. Nicholson Sec. Treas

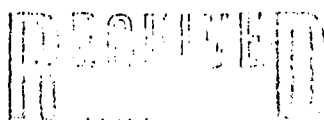
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January 18, 1973

Mr. E.W. Grist  
Land Agent  
Burnaby Municipal Hall  
4949 Canada Way  
Burnaby, B.C.



Director of Burnaby  
Land Department

Dear Sir:

This is a request to lease some land for the Charlford House Society for Women.

- (1) Purpose of Society - The object of the Society is to provide a temporary home for alcoholics (this means sober alcoholics, there is no drinking allowed on the premises). They must be motivated to try to recover from alcoholism. We the Board of Directors would like to enable such alcoholics to continue or to join in close association with a programme of recovery from alcoholism, to assist such alcoholics to take their place in normal society and to assist such alcoholics to find employment, or go to school to upgrade themselves. Also refer to yellow sheet enclosed.
- (2) We would like to request enough land for twenty-four (24) residents.
- (3) If possible we would like to site near a bus stop so the women as they recovered could get out to look for work, or to go to school.

We have a small Halfway House for Women on Charlford Avenue in Burnaby, B.C. It only has room for five women. This is the only Half Way House for Women in the whole of B.C. The phone rings every day pleading for help for another such alcoholic who wishes to recover from this illness and we have to turn them away, as we have no room for them.

Premier Barrett made it quite clear in one of his Election Speeches that he realized the need to help alcoholics to recover, and that he intended to do something about it.

The Board of Directors have set up a Committee of three to go to Victoria. We have an appointment with the Honorable Norman Levi, Minister of Rehabilitation and Social Improvement on the 22nd of February 1973, to ask for funds to build a home for alcoholic women, so it is very important that we get a site as soon as possible.

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I realize there is much stigma attached to alcoholism, but the neighbors where the Charlford House is located now have never complained and they have gone out of their way to help in any way they can. Remember there is no drinking on the premises and there is a curfew. Hoping this will make you understand about the disease of alcoholism and how we are trying to help these women to recover.

Please address all mail to my address at 5462 - 7th Avenue,  
Delta, B.C.

Attached hereto is a list of our Society's Directors, together  
with their occupations, addresses and telephone numbers.

Trusting the foregoing meets with your approval, I am,

Yours truly

Attachs.

(Mrs.) J. Nicholson, Secretary - Treasurer

*Mrs. J. Nicholson*

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**CHARLFORD HOUSE** -- A home where a community of women recovering from alcoholism are discovering a way forward to more stable and productive lives.

**LIVES IN CRISIS** -- No words describe better the condition of many of the women who come to Charlford House. For some, just released from detention, this is a constructive alternate to Skid Road. To others referred by hospitals, other institutions, or directly from homes broken by Alcoholism, the alternative choices are equally drastic. The purpose then, of Charlford House Society is to see that every effort is made, in the crisis situation, to turn the alcoholic woman toward recovery and to aid in this recovery by providing shelter and care in a home-like atmosphere. Charlford House Society seeks to give aid to the individual, as she recovers, and also, by giving this help, to serve the community. In the case of many of the women the human crisis as she arrives at Charlford House, is complete. The areas of mental, physical, social, and spiritual health are affected. As time passes she recovers and after a few weeks she has sufficient stability to start to plan and arrange for a complete return to the community as a responsible self-sustaining person. In all her efforts she has the continuing help and encouragement of the members of the Charlford House Society.

**MANNER AND METHOD** -- Physical need is met by providing clean, attractive living accommodation and excellent food.

The Society has a house physician on call when required. The new resident is welcomed with dignity and kindness. She

chooses to become involved in a new and better way of life. Charlford House is not officially affiliated with Alcoholics Anonymous, but the residents learn the principles of A.A. as part of group and individual therapy. There are weekly A.A. meetings at the House, and she is taken to outside meetings. Within the home group she stays sober one day at a time, sharing experiences and renewed hope with the others. As time goes on she comes to relate with others in the group and the long hidden problems of the alcoholic come to light. The continuing application of new principles assists her in ascertaining and coping with these problems.

**HOW CHARLFORD HOUSE CAME TO BE --**

This community project is fairly recent. It began in 1969 when the supporters of a local halfway house for men became aware of a similar community need in the case of women afflicted with the problem of alcoholism. The home was, in the beginning, organized and operated under the guidance of the directors of the men's house. In recent months however, the home for women has been independently registered, under "The Societies Act" as The Charlford House Society for Women.

Charlford House has seen, in its short history, a number of women restored and rehabilitated and this work will continue. The operation of the house goes forward, day by day, often at a sacrifice, both financial and otherwise. **IN THIS YOU CAN HELP.** By filling in the attached side of this page, **YOU TOO** can become a member of the Society. Your practical support is vital. Please help a suffering woman to put her footsteps **FORWARD.**

G. A. Casavant  
(President)

for Women  
7220 Charlford St.  
Burnaby 1, B. C.

Board Members -

Mrs. Helma Matheson - President  
# 317- 1850 Adanna St. Housewife  
Vancouver 6, B.C.  
Tel - 255-6608

Mrs. Gady Nicholson - Secretary. Treasurer  
5462 - 7th Ave. Clerk.  
Delta, B.C.  
Tel. 943-4144

Mr. Harold Parry  
886 Foster Rd. Counselor  
Richmond B.C. Accountant  
Tel - 277-1902

Mr. Eugene Zaruby  
1695 - 58th St. Lawyer  
Delta B.C.  
Tel - 943-2197

Mr. Chas Page  
5389 - 4th Ave. Housewife  
Delta B.C.  
Tel - 943-2197

Mrs. Peggy Dundas  
4047 Kensington  
Burnaby 1 B.C.  
Tel. 435-6116

Housewife

Mr. Herb Dematt  
1303 - 7th Ave.  
New Westminster, B.C.  
Tel. 524-1044

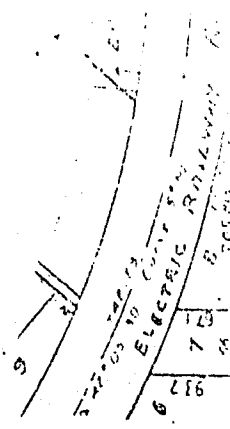
Carpenter

Mr. Gerry Booth  
1180 Williams Rd.  
Richmond B.C.  
Tel. 277-2152

Real Estate  
Cartage

Mr. Jack Cameron  
642 Dunbar Cres.  
Richmond B.C.  
Tel. 277-6261

Accountant



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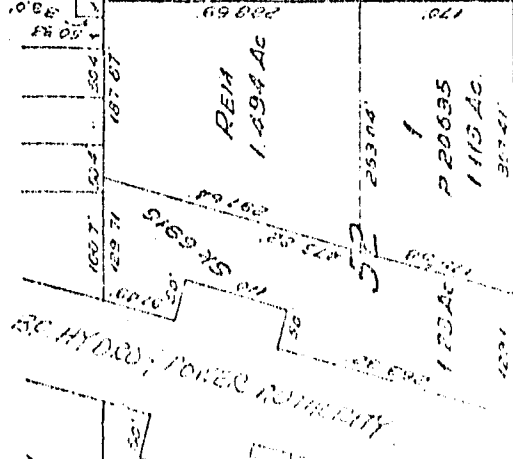
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