

ITEM 4
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 33
COUNCIL MEETING Apr. 30/73

4. Re: Youth Social Problems
(Item 13, Report No. 19, March 12, 1973)

Council on March 12, 1973 considered the above-noted report item which arose out of a request from the Boys' Club of Vancouver to lease Corporation property on which to construct a facility for its activities. With the same report item was attached a report of the Parks and Recreation Commission which, with other recommendations, included the following:

"THAT the Commission advise Municipal Council that it feels there is a need in our community for a specialized service to deal with the problems of youth, and that this service should be available to all areas of Burnaby, with an adequate staff of trained personnel; (and)
THAT the Council give consideration to the establishment of such a service provided through one of the Municipal Departments or Agencies."

At the meeting of March 12, 1973 Council directed that a staff report be provided for the April 30, 1973 meeting of Council relating to the need for a specialized service to deal with the problems of youth as referenced with the above-noted recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The following is the report of the Social Services Administrator dated April 19, 1973 in response to Council's direction that a report be provided.

It should be noted from the Social Services Administrator's report that in review of the subject he has contacted the Boys' Club of Vancouver, the United Community Services, and the Burnaby School Board Youth Officer to seek opinions, and has examined demands, in terms of staff and accommodation, which would be placed on his Department should Council consider it necessary that the Social Services Department provide specialized services to deal with the problems of youth.

From his preliminary review, the Social Services Administrator recognizes that his present report can be considered as interim only in that considerable research and co-ordination of thinking is required before recommendations can be provided to Council. It is anticipated that a report will be made available to Council within four or five weeks' time.

This is for the information of Council.

TO: Manager	DEPARTMENT:	DATE: April 19, 197
FROM: Administrator	DEPARTMENT: Social Service	OUR FILE #
SUBJECT: Boys' Clubs - Youth Social Problems		YOUR FILE #

In a memo from the Deputy Municipal Clerk with attachments, dated March 13, 1973, it was noted that a report was required relating to the need for a specialized service to deal with the problems of youth as more particularly explained under Recommendations 3 and 4 of the Report from the Parks and Recreation Commission. Recommendations 3 and 4 are as follows:

"3. That the Commission advise Municipal Council that it feels there is a need in our community for a specialized service to deal with the problems of youth, and that the service should be available to all areas of Burnaby, with an adequate staff of trained personnel.

4. That the Council give consideration to the establishment of such a service provided through one of the Municipal Departments or Agencies".

We have reviewed the matter and report as follows:

1. Boys' Club of Vancouver: Mr. R. Ryan, Executive Secretary, was interviewed and he indicates that their present expansion into Burnaby was confined to the area around Hastings and Howard Streets in the Capitol Hill area. They had done a study in the Greater Vancouver area and the above was deemed their priority area. Should services be requested in other areas of Burnaby, prior to its necessity on the overall priority basis, they could supply the services of a detached worker or workers on a purchase basis. The cost of these services would range in the amount of \$13,000. to \$14,000. per worker.
2. United Community Services - Burnaby Division: The Social Planning Committee has met several times in an effort to evolve an overall plan for action to minimize problematic areas identified through its questionnaire. The priority areas identified through priority involved:
 - (a) antisocial behaviour of children
 - (b) emotional problems of children and adults
 - (c) single parent families
 - (d) inability of parents to cope with family life

The committee has spent further sessions in an attempt to determine the most concrete method of coping with the problems above but no definite plan of action has been determined as yet.
3. In a call to Mr. Bill Wescott, Youth Officer with the Burnaby School Board, he indicated that his preference would be a program administered by a Commission or Committee consisting of representatives of the Burnaby Parks and Recreation Commission, the Burnaby School Board, the Social Service Department and the R.C.M.P. who would be able to plan for the activities of any paid professional staff to implement a program for the youth in the Community.
4. Burnaby Social Service Department: We have studied the problem in some detail and it does not fit into any of our existing divisions. Should Council deem it to be a necessary service under direct municipal supervision of this Department, it would be necessary to establish a special group work division with a supervisor whose expertise is in the field of group dynamics. The necessary staff, of course, would also be required. The dilemma facing the Department immediately would be accommodation pending the completion of the new Municipal Hall Annex.

Further we have received a memo requesting advice on whether the social problems of youth would be better served on a fixed or mobile facility. The answer to this, of course, would depend on the type of service and program to be supplied.

Should the method of service chosen be Number 3 above, it would seem logical that the park and school facilities in the immediate area be the focus of action. Should it be a division within the Social Service Department the headquarters would be in the Department using whatever group facilities which can be made available to us.

We would feel that more of the problem should be identified before a concrete decision is made either on the mobility of the facility or the type of facility to be provided. This identification of the problem can only be achieved by a joint meeting of all persons concerned with the problem and we will call a meeting in the near future.

This is an interim report and no definite recommendation can be made until the matter has been discussed by all concerned.

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