

ITEM 18

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 43

COUNCIL MEETING June 10/74

Re: News Release By Minister of Human Resources
Assuming Municipal Cost of Issuing Social Allowance Cheques

Appearing on the Agenda for the June 10, 1974 Council meeting is a news release by the Minister of Human Resources regarding the Province assuming the Municipal cost of issuing social allowance cheques.

The press release would indicate that the Province was going to assume the responsibility for issuing cheques after August 1. Our Human Resources Administrator followed this subject through with the Provincial authorities and he has learned that the press release was issued without having been proof-read, and there is an error in it. It states that the government would be issuing cheques for all of the municipalities and it should have read all of the per capita municipalities. This, therefore, does not apply to Burnaby.

For your information, from a Human Resources point of view, a per capita municipality is one whereby the services are not rendered by a municipal department, but rather by Provincial civil servants, and the supervisor recommends to the municipality that the cheque be issued. These are municipal cheques. Up to this point, the government has been charging 60 cents per capita to provide the services in the smaller or per capita municipalities.

The areas to which it does not apply at the present time would appear to be Burnaby, New Westminster, Coquitlam, Richmond, North Vancouver, West Vancouver, and Surrey.

Target date for takeover of issuance of cheques by the Province appears to be March 1, 1974.

This is for the information of Council.