

Re: Justice Building, Court Level. Sale of Municipal Office Furnishings and Equipment, Prosecutors' Library, and Forms to the Provincial Government.

Following the Province's assumption of Municipal responsibilities for Court administration on April 1, 1974, we have negotiated with the Attorney-General's Department for sale of Municipal office furnishings and equipment, the Prosecutors' Library, and various legal forms on hand as of April 1, 1974 and in use by the Court Clerk's office, Judges, Prosecutors, and the Provincial Probation Office, all of whom occupy space on the Court level of the Justice Building.

The Attorney-General's Department is prepared to recommend to the Purchasing Commission of British Columbia purchase at the following prices:

1. Office Furnishings and Equipment	\$22,706.53
2. Prosecutors' Library	3,618.50
3. Forms	<u>663.00</u>
Total	<u>\$26,988.03</u>

Negotiations for sale of office furnishings and equipment were based on a percentage of individual "replacement" cost not "original" cost. In essence we will be receiving about 70% of total replacement costs on an average.

For information of Council, because of escalating prices generally we considered storage of our furnishings and equipment (having been in use now for approximately seven years with the majority of items still in reasonably good condition) until such future time as needed by Municipal offices and, as a second alternative to sale, considered leasing to the Province. However, both alternatives were abandoned because the price offered by the Province is considered reasonable, and there are disadvantages to storing or leasing which outweigh advantages of these alternatives.

With respect to the Prosecutors' Library, the Municipal Solicitor (who occupied a dual role as Solicitor and Prosecutor prior to April 1, 1974) advises that we have no further interest in the Library at the Justice Building, there being a law library maintained by the Solicitor at the Municipal Hall.

The forms, legal and other, on hand at the Justice Building as of April 1, 1974 are largely special purpose and of no further value to the Municipality.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approve of sale of the subject items to the Provincial Government for the following amounts:

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2. Prosecutors' Library	3,618.50
3. Forms	663.00