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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 31

COUNCIL MEETING April 22/74

Re: Burnaby Family Court Committee

At the April 8, 1974 meeting of Council, Alderman Lewarne enquired as to whether there would be any change in the function of the Family Court Committee following transfer of Municipal responsibilities for Justice Administration to the Provincial Government on April 1, 1974.

The Attorney-General's Department advises that there is no immediate intent to alter the function or purpose of Family Court Committees, and that these Committees should continue to function as at present.

As Council is aware, creation of Family Court Committees is a requirement under the Provincial Court Act, Section 18(1), which states that "Each municipality shall have a Family Division Committee appointed by the Municipal Council in January of each year, the members to include persons with experience in education, health, probation, or welfare, and to serve without remuneration." It is highly probable that amendments, not determined at this time, to the Provincial Court Act will be introduced at the next session of the House. Council will, of course, be informed of changes as they are introduced.

The Attorney-General's Department also informs us that costs incurred by the Municipality through continued operation of the Family Court Committee are the responsibility of the Provincial Government as of April 1, 1974.

This is for the information of Council.