

ITEM 14
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 81
COUNCIL MEETING Dec. 15/75

Re: LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 13, 1975 FROM THE MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS
SEWERAGE FACILITIES ASSISTANCE ACT GRANT PAYMENTS

Appearing on the Agenda for the December 15, 1975 meeting of Council is a letter from the Honourable James G. Lorimer, Minister of Municipal Affairs, regarding the payment of grants under the Sewerage Facilities Assistance Act. Following is a report from the Municipal Treasurer on this matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Minister of Municipal Affairs be asked to consider making payment of future Sewerage Facilities Assistance Act grants in two equal installments, one as soon as the amount due the municipalities becomes known and the balance during the month of December in the same year; or alternatively, to consider making a payment based on 50% of the grant in the year prior during April of each year, to be followed in December of the same year by a final installment made up of the difference between the actual grant due and the sum advanced in April.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: MUNICIPAL TREASURER
RE: SEWERAGE FACILITIES ASSISTANCE ACT GRANT PAYMENTS

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Appearing on the agenda for 15 December 1975 is a letter from the Honourable James G. Lorimer, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Province of B.C., in reply to Council's request that the final installment of the Sewerage Facilities Assistance Act grant be paid as soon as possible. The Minister states that payment of the grant in two installments was considered the most practical from an administrative point of view.

With due respect, the two installments were \$90,993 forwarded on 10 August 1975 and \$558,324 to be forwarded in January 1976. If two installments are the most practical from an administrative point of view, the grant would be much more advantageous to the municipalities if it were paid in two equal installments (\$324,658.50 each in the case of Burnaby) and if the second installment could be forwarded to the municipalities prior to the end of the fiscal year.

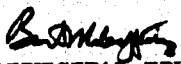
The first installment was not an advance in the normal sense. An advance is a sum of money that is payable on an estimate. In the case in point, the sums due the municipalities were precisely known on the date the first installment was made. Therefore, any payments made, as the Minister has stated, would be installments.

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