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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 47

COUNCIL MEETING July 7/75

Re: Retirement of Miss Elizabeth (Beth) Lydiard  
Assistant Nursing Supervisor - Health Department

Miss Elizabeth Lydiard, known to all her friends and colleagues as Beth, graduated from the Vancouver General Hospital in 1940. Her first nursing position was in Infants' Hospital, which at that time was on Haro Street and was part of the Vancouver General Hospital. She was there for 2½ years. She then joined a small hospital staff at Pioneer Mines, following which she enlisted with the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps and served as a Nursing Sister in Britain. Upon cessation of hostilities, she returned to Canada and enrolled at the University of British Columbia in the Public Health Nursing Program. She received her Bachelor of Applied Science in Nursing in 1949.

Miss Lydiard's tenure with the Burnaby Health Department commenced in 1949, when she was appointed by her employer, the School Board, to fill a vacancy as a Public Health Nurse. Her assignments have been in both elementary and secondary schools as well as the generalized program. She became particularly well known for her work in McPherson Junior Secondary School.

On June 1, 1968, Miss Lydiard was appointed Assistant Nursing Supervisor, and will have served in that capacity until her retirement at the end of August.

Miss Lydiard has served the Health Department loyally and effectively. Her leadership and understanding manner has made her a valued and respected colleague by the many disciplines that are employed in the department. She is known, respected and very well liked by many hundreds of former students and residents of the Municipality. She has done much to establish the prestige of the public health services in Burnaby.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a letter of appreciation from Council be presented to Miss Lydiard for her many years of loyal and dedicated service to the Municipality.