

RE: INTEGRATION OF VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES WITH THE
BURNABY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The following is a report of the Medical Health Officer dated March 11, 1976, regarding the above.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the integration of Victorian Order of Nurses with the Burnaby Health Department as outlined and proposed in this report be approved.

* * * * *

March 11, 1976

Mr. M.J. Shelley
Municipal Manager
Corporation of the District of Burnaby

Dear Sir:

RE: Integration of Victorian Order of Nurses

During my term of office as Medical Health Officer for the Municipality, which embraces more than 24 years, the Victorian Order of Nurses has always shared accommodation with the Health Department (except for a short time prior to moving to Canada Way.) This arrangement led to a very close liaison between both parties. The Victorian Order of Nurses and the Community Health Nurses were able to coordinate their work so that there was no duplication of service.

The question of integration of services has been raised for a number of years and the previous Provincial Government, in fact, did integrate the Victorian Order of Nurses in Victoria and Surrey and this has proved very satisfactory.

The Metropolitan Health Departments have discussed the matter on numerous occasions and a Task Force Committee has been at work for some time discussing ways and means as to what would be the best way to handle the integration. However, the Health Departments were unable to proceed until the present Government declared its intention.

Now that the Minister has officially notified Councils and School Boards of his support of integration, it just remains for the Burnaby Council to approve the change.

The Burnaby School Board has already done this and instructed its officials to meet with the agencies and discuss the matter.

What I would foresee is that the Metropolitan Board of Health would be responsible for the funding which is provided by the Department of Health, the same as is done for the Home Care program. I would anticipate that the School Board would become the employer of the Victorian Order of Nurses and recover the cost of services from the Metropolitan Board of Health. Accommodation will be no problem for this area as the Victorian Order of Nurses is already in the same building.

. 2

CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS
Regular Council Meeting
March 11, 1976

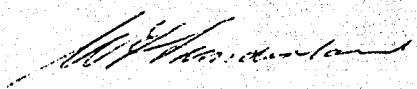
ITEM 17
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 16
COUNCIL MEETING Mar. 15/76

- 2 -

A lot of work will have to be done regarding working conditions, salaries, etc. but the Task Force Committee has already been at work in this connection.

A meeting has been scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16, 1976 in the Health Department; it will include representatives of the V.O.N., School Board officials, the Municipal Manager and Supervisory Health Department personnel.

Yours truly,


W.F. Sunderland, M.D., D.P.H.
MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICER

knf