Re: INCREASED PAYMENTS BY THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO PRIVATE OPERATORS OF ADULT CARE FACILITIES IN THE PROVINCE

ITEM 10

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 5

COUNCIL MEETING Jan. 26/76

Following is a report from the Human Resources Administrator on rate increases to operators of adult care facilities.

The Administrator is satisfied with the standards of care that are provided by adult care facilities in Burnaby.

Increases in rates are established by the Provincial Government for uniform application throughout the Province. The procedure then followed is to have cities and municipalities prepare and issue cheques to eligible organizations subject to the condition that all amounts so allocated will be reimbursed by Victoria.

Rate increases are always referred to Council so that authority can be obtained to have included in the cheques that are initiated at the municipal level the higher amounts that have been approved by the Provincial Government. Such information is also referred because it is felt that Council should be kept aware of changes in rates relative to social services programmes that are in effect in Burnaby.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council concur with the following rate increases to operators of adult care facilities, effective January 1, 1976:

Re: Increased Payments by the Provincial Government to Private Operators of Adult Care Facilities in the Province

On October 15, 1975, the Minister of Human Resources, The Honourable Norman Levi, announced rate increases to private operators of Adult Care Facilities in the Province. In his announcement he stated that effective January 1, 1976, private operators of Adult Care Facilities will receive a 10% increase across the board in the authorized rates. The news release indicated that at the present time average rate of payments are:

\$225 - \$250 - Personal Care
250 - 400 - Intermediate Care
525 - Private Hospital Care

Normally a news item such as this is followed by a Serial Letter authorizing us to put the program into effect. At that time I would then present the matter to Council for approval at the local level. However, since no Serial Letter was received, the matter was not presented to you.

Upon inquiries from several of the operators I telephoned the Provincial Department of Human Resources in Victoria and learned that the Order-in-Council approving these rates had not been passed prior to the change of government but that the new government would be looking into the matter. On Monday, January 19, we received a telephone message that the government of the day is prepared to grant the increases effective January 1, 1976.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Council concur with the increases in payment to private operators of Adult Care Facilities in the Province at the following rates:

 Personal Care
 - Increased from \$225 - \$250 to \$250 - \$275

 Intermediate Care
 - Increased from 250 - 400 to 275 - 440

 Private Hospital Care
 - Increased from 525 - to 577.50

The above are the new approved rates.

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