

ITEM	32
MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	50
COUNCIL MEETING	Aug. 3/76

Re: LETTER FROM THE G.V.R.D. THAT APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE
JULY 19, 1976 MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 4a)
VANCOUVER CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION RE G.V.R.D. LIVABLE REGION PLAN

Appearing on the last agenda was a request from Mr. W.T. Lane, Director of Regional Development for the G.V.R.D., for endorsement of certain resolutions. Following is a report from the Director of Planning on this matter.

The Planning Department would write to the Federal and Provincial governments and their agencies if Council adopts the first recommendation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the Federal government, the Provincial government and their agencies be requested to not construct any additional major office space in downtown Vancouver, but rather to decentralize such development consistent with the G.V.R.D. Livable Region proposals; and
2. THAT the G.V.R.D. be requested to establish a liaison between the Federal and Provincial governments and the Municipality of Burnaby for the purpose of assisting the proposed decentralization of government facilities within this Municipality; and
3. THAT a copy of this report be sent to the G.V.R.D.

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July 28, 1976
Our File #15.149

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING

RE: VANCOUVER CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION RE GVRD LIVABLE REGION PLAN.

Included within the Council Agenda of July 19, 1976 was a letter dated June 29, 1976 from Mr. W. T. Lane, Director of Regional Development, G. V. R. D., requesting endorsement of certain resolutions adopted by the Vancouver City Council at its meeting of May 18, 1976 pertaining to the decentralization of potential downtown office development to the designated regional town centres.

The G. V. R. D. in the presentation of its Livable Region proposals has outlined a five part strategy to manage growth in the regional area. This strategy is primarily concerned with achieving desired residential and employment targets for regional sub-areas, developing priority regional town centre areas, providing a transit-oriented regional transportation system and protecting and developing open space areas of regional significance. In essence, the G. V. R. D. Livable Region proposals represent a controlled decentralization program in which the participant sub-areas create a certain degree of urban self-sufficiency and become less dependent on downtown Vancouver for their residential, employment, shopping, cultural and recreational opportunities.

For the most part, this approach is supportive of many of the major land use and growth management policies in effect for the Municipality of Burnaby. With respect to the proposed decentralization of governmental office employment opportunities, this action will provide a welcomed assistance to the development of the Metrotown and Central Administrative areas. As such, it would be appropriate for Council to adopt the following recommendations relative to this matter:


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RECOMMENDATIONS

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It is recommended

1. THAT the Federal government, the Provincial government and their agencies be requested to not construct any additional major office space in downtown Vancouver, but rather to decentralize such development consistent with the G. V. R. D. Livable Region proposals.
2. THAT the G. V. R. D. be requested to establish a liaison between the Federal and Provincial governments and the Municipality of Burnaby for the purpose of assisting the proposed decentralization of government facilities within this Municipality.


A. L. Parr,
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING.

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c. c. Director of Planning GVRD