

ITEM

12

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 62

COUNCIL MEETING Oct. 4/76

Re: Retirement of Dr. William F. Sunderland

Following is a report from the Personnel Director regarding the retirement of Dr. William F. Sunderland.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a letter of appreciation from Council be presented to Dr. Sunderland for his many years of loyal and dedicated service to the Municipality.

* * * * *

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

DATE: September 27, 1976

FROM: PERSONNEL DIRECTOR

RE: RETIREMENT - DR. WILLIAM F. SUNDERLAND

Dr. Sunderland will be retiring from employment with the Corporation on October 31, 1976 after 25 years of service.

He was born in Dublin, Ireland on October 11, 1911. He is a graduate of the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons in Dublin, followed by a course in Public Health at the University of Dublin in 1943. He came to Canada in November 1950 and was employed by the Public Health Service in the Province of Alberta from November 1950 to November 1951.

Dr. Sunderland commenced employment with Burnaby on November 5, 1951 as the Medical Health Officer. At that time the population of Burnaby was 60,000. There were 27 schools with an enrolment of 9,196. The staff consisted of one part-time Doctor, nine Public Health Nurses, one Sanitary Inspector and two clerks. There were two dental clinics, nine child health centres and an eye clinic. A visiting psychiatrist and a psychologist once a month formed the Mental Health team.

The following is a brief history of the growth and development of the Health Department services of Burnaby since 1951:

1952: Streptomycin injections were commenced for the treatment of active Tuberculosis cases.

1953: A third Dental Clinic was opened.

1954: The inspection and control of septic tank installations and systems came under the Health Department. Also in that year the Restaurant By-Law was passed with inspections to ensure that the standard of health and cleanliness of restaurants were at a high level in the Municipality.

1955: Salk Vaccine program introduced, which later led to the oral polio (Sabin) program. No new cases of polio have occurred in Burnaby since that time.

1957: Burnaby became a member of the Fraser Valley Mosquito Control Board, starting with a cooperative venture in aerial spraying, which was later replaced in Burnaby by a localized system of control.

Also, the Department commenced pre natal classes, which are now held several evenings each week in two centres.

Penicillin was introduced as a prophylactic program for post-rheumatic fever patients to avoid or reduce the incidence of heart damage from this disease.

1960: Burnaby pioneered early testing for P.K.U., a metabolic condition which results in mental retardation if not detected and treated early.

1962: The Chest X-Ray Unit was opened.

1969: The measles vaccine was commenced to reduce the incidence of measles and the resultant complications.

1970: A rubella vaccination program for expectant mothers was introduced to protect unborn children. In addition, Family Planning Clinics were opened in the Health Department offices.

1972: The Department pioneered the first Noise By-Law, which has been recognized across Canada.

1973: The early hospital discharge - Home Care Program commenced administration through the Health Department via the Victorian Order of Nurses. Also, a Community Care Consultant position was established to coordinate and promote high standards in day care centres and personal care homes for senior citizens, etc.

1974: Clinics were conducted for pre-school three-year olds to detect development difficulties prior to school entry.

The present staff in the Health Department now numbers a total of 80, including 33 Community Health Nurses, 11 Public Health Inspectors, 8 Clerks, 4 Dentists and 3 Dental Assistants, 2 Psychologists, 1 Nutritionist, 1 Speech Pathologist, the complete V.O.N. staff of 17 including 3 Registered Nurses, 1 Licensed Practical Nurse, 2 Physiotherapists and 1 Clerk. The population of Burnaby is now 140,000 with a school population of 23,900 and 2,000 pre-school.

Dr. Sunderland has generated a quality of loyalty among his staff and has had a significant influence in the growth, development and achievements of the public health services in the District of Burnaby since 1951.

Arrangements have been made for the presentation of the gift from the Corporation by the Mayor at a retirement dinner being held for Dr. Sunderland on Friday, October 1, 1976 at the Burnaby Lake Pavilion.

RECOMMENDATION:

That a letter of appreciation from Council be presented to Dr. Sunderland for his many years of loyal and dedicated service to the Municipality.


D. F. Hicks
PERSONNEL DIRECTOR