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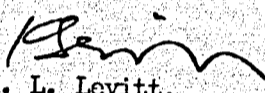
Mr. Melvin J. Shelley

October 31, 1977

Finally, it is essential that Y.S.D. regularly evaluate its services and mandate to assure it is relevant and its work is valid, e.g. the mandate of M.H.R. should not become the mandate of Y.S.D.

Please let me know if there is anyway we may support the new Y.S.D.

Yours sincerely,

  
K. L. Levitt,  
Regional Manager

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Mr. Melvin J. Shelley,  
Municipal Manager,  
Corporation of the District of Burnaby,  
4949 Canada Way,  
Burnaby, B.C.  
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Dear Mr. Shelley:

Re: Youth Services Division,  
Your File: 7-5-10-2

Pursuant to our telephone conversation and receipt of your letter of October 18th, I perused Item 12 of the Manager's Report to the Council meeting regarding the Youth Services Division. Pertinent to the questions in your letter, I am pleased to respond to your specific inquiries.

I do not believe that the services of the Youth Services Division would duplicate or conflict with services offered or proposed by the School District. Based on our experience when the Youth Services Division was active in the past, and from discussions pertinent to the current proposal, I would expect that the Youth Services Division would complement our Student Services Centre staff. I am aware of the concern about some duplication of Youth Services staff and Counselling and Special Services personnel at the School Board. This is not likely to be the case since the School Board Student Services staff relate to the students in the school setting and provide their counselling and supportive services in that context. We have neither the authority nor the capacity to extend beyond the school setting. With the activation of the Youth Services Division, it would be desirable for us to reactivate the liaison which existed in the past. Our experience was that such a liaison was not difficult to effect and was positive and productive.

While not in the position to advance specific suggestions for change or improvement at this time, I would suggest two areas for consideration:

- (i) I believe it desirable that the Youth Services Division maintain a close liaison with the Student Services Centre at the Burnaby School Board to facilitate quick and effective communication between the Youth Services Division staff and School Board personnel involved in support and counselling of young people in our community. Our staff are interested in maintaining such a link of communication and I am confident that it would enhance the effectiveness of both parties.

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- (ii) If the Youth Services Division comes into operation, it will no doubt develop a number of procedures and relationships with various institutions. When these affect or involve the public schools in any way, I would suggest that it would be advantageous to communicate this information to my office so that we can ensure that the proper procedures and information are relayed to the schools. Our teaching and administrative staff can be most supportive when they understand the purposes and procedures of the various related agencies and service institutions in the community.

Thank you for seeking our reaction. I am pleased that the Municipal Council is considering re-instituting the Youth Services Division. We found it to be a valuable service in the past and look forward to working with Youth Services staff again. If I can be of any further assistance I would be pleased to pursue this matter with you in greater detail at your discretion.

Sincerely,



Elmer E. Froese,  
Superintendent of Schools

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Mr. G.C. Miller  
Dr. O.P. Rostad  
Mr. W.L. Wescott