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RE: LETTER FROM THE GREATER VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT
2294 WEST 10TH AVENUE, VANCOUVER, B.C. V6K 2H9
CONTRACTURAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BURNABY AND THE
URBAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Appearing on the Agenda for the 1978 December 11 meeting of Council is a letter from Mr. E. H. MacDonald, Chairman of the Transportation Committee for the G.V.R.D., regarding the Urban Transit Authority. Following is a report from the Director of Planning on this matter.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the report of the Director of Planning be received for information purposes.
2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. D. H. MacDonald, Chairman of the G.V.R.D. Transportation Committee, 2294 West 10th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V6K 2H9.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1978 DECEMBER 05
FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
SUBJECT: CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY AND THE URBAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

RECOMMENDATION

That this report be received for the information of Council.

REPORT

From time to time since the passage of the Urban Transit Act, members of Council have raised questions about the role of the local municipality under the Urban Transit Authority, and this general subject has been related to specific questions such as the ability of Burnaby to deal directly with such things as bus shelters and bus stop locations.

Appearing on the Council Agenda for 1978 December 11, is a letter dated 1978 November 29 from the Chairman of the G.V.R.D. Transportation Committee together with several attachments, intended to bring Council up-to-date on what is happening in discussions between the Urban Transit Authority and the G.V.R.D. Board.

Included in this material is a draft proposal prepared by G.V.R.D. staff, entitled "Annual Cycle for the Preparation of the Annual Operating Agreement". For clarification, this proposal assumes that the "Municipality" with a capital "M", established for the purposes of the Urban Transit Authority, is the Regional District; while the local municipality with a small "m" refers to the various constituent municipalities of the G.V.R.D.

It will be seen therefore that the prime communication occurs between the Urban Transit Authority, the G.V.R.D. (Municipality) and the operating companies that are signatories to the various Agreements. To the extent that

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the Region is prepared to acknowledge the local municipalities, they will have a role to play; and in the proposed draft this is shown as occurring twice a year, once when proposals are made for service changes for the following year; and once when service plans are reviewed and evaluated.

At a meeting held on 1978 December 01, attended by Municipal, G.V.R.D., and U.T.A. staff, questions were raised as to the "operating" role of the local municipalities, and on the local need to participate on a more regular basis than once a year in order to cope with the almost daily questions that are raised within the general topic of transportation.

The municipal staff concerns relate directly to the concerns being expressed by Council members and it has therefore been agreed to hold a one day Regional/Municipal staff seminar in January 1979 in order to deal with this subject. Staff should be in a better position following this working seminar to answer the various questions being raised by the members of Council.

This is for the information of Council.


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