

ITEM 12 (SUPPLEMENTARY)
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 64
COUNCIL MEETING 1978 09 18

Re: 1979/80 R.C.M.P. STAFFING REQUIREMENTS

Following are comments from the Officer-in-Charge, R.C.M.P., Burnaby Detachment regarding staffing requirements for the period 1979 April 01 to 1980 March 31:

"I am in receipt of correspondence from my Headquarters informing they are attempting to establish the number of contract positions which must be provided for effective 1979 April 01. They are asking for the Municipal commitments in writing or, conversely, notice that no increase will be considered.

Respecting your goal to not budget for any staff increases in 1979, I am prepared to support your proposal and will not put forward a staff increase request for the next fiscal year.

Our police/population ratio for 1977 is estimated to have been approximately 1:642. With the six member increase on 1978 April 01 and a slight calculated population increase, the ratio should remain reasonably close to the 1977 figure. The 1977 case burden was 82.9 and it would appear, with the manpower increase for 1978, the projected case-load will not exceed that ratio and, in fact, may even show a slight decrease as the figures to date signify a decline. Whilst I would like to consider additional manpower in some of the areas of concern where the crime rate is high, such as in fraud and burglary, I am prepared to readjust within for at least the next succeeding year.

The reply to Headquarters is requested by the middle of next week and, if at all possible, to receive an appropriate reply for forwarding by 1978 September 20 would be appreciated."

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT contractual staffing positions for the R.C.M.P., Burnaby Detachment, not be increased for the fiscal period commencing 1979 April 01.

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