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RE: LETTER FROM THE HONOURABLE R. H. McCLELLAND  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, VICTORIA, B.C. V8V 1X4  
FINANCING OF COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Appearing on the agenda for the 1978 August 28 meeting of Council is a letter from the Honourable R. H. McClelland, Minister of Health, regarding ancillary services for health departments. Following is a report from the Medical Health Officer on this matter.

This is for the information of Council.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 78 08 24  
FROM: MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICER  
RE: FINANCING OF COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

In 1976 October, the Metropolitan Board of Health put forward a request to the Minister of Health that cost sharing of Public Health Services in the Greater Vancouver Area be reviewed and the Board met with the Minister on 1976 October 18.

Subsequently, the Metropolitan Board has been in correspondence with the Minister of Health asking that the matter of cost sharing be pursued. No formal reply has been received, but the staff of the Ministry of Health have been making a fairly thorough study of the costs of the delivery of Community Health Care as is stated in the Minister's letter of 1978 August 14.

The funding of Community Health Services differs within the respective boundaries of Burnaby, Vancouver City, North Shore, Richmond and New Westminister. Because the School Boards have a role in the provision of Community Health Services in Burnaby and Richmond, these two Municipalities are most comparable in their funding procedures.

It is my understanding that there will be more specific information shortly regarding the new approach to financing Community Health Services to which the Minister refers. This will be forwarded to Council when it is available in order that appropriate negotiations may ensue.

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While discussion of this matter is currently underway, it is my opinion that the Municipality of Burnaby does have some time in which to evaluate their position.

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