

Re: LETTER DATED 1978 JUNE 26 FROM MR. GRAHAME WATT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Y.M.C.A., 6137 CAMBIE STREET, VANCOUVER WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 1978 JUNE 26 YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (Y.E.S.) PROGRAM 1978

When the Municipal Council considered Mr. Grahame Watt's letter of June 26 addressed to Mayor Constable at the regular Council meeting held on June 26, the following motion was adopted:

"THAT the Municipal Manager report next week re. the cost of paying Youth Employment Service Program 1978 coordinators."

Mr. Watt had advised in his letter that:

"The reason for cancellation is due to not receiving government grants which we have been fortunate to have received these past ten years. We are very appreciative of your grant but without provincial or federal aid, we cannot employ the number of High School students required to operate the services, and are refunding your cheque in the amount of \$600.00 accordingly."

The Municipal Manager has spoken to Mr. Watt, and he advises that provincial funding was cut off from the program in 1976 or thereabouts. The City of Vancouver also was a major contributor to the funding, and it dropped its assistance in 1976 as well.

In January 1977 the "Y" subsequently applied to the federal government under the Young Canada Works Program for financial assistance. They applied for assistance in three ridings - Burnaby-Richmond-Delta, Quadra and Capilano. Apparently they received approval in two ridings (Burnaby-Richmond-Delta and Capilano) and were subsequently assisted through the federal program.

This year, the "Y" applied again in the same three ridings, and was turned down in all of them.

Mr. Watt feels that there were 150-200 Burnaby students out of the 2,000 assisted in finding employment under this program.

Mr. Watt advises that they need a minimum of \$10,000 to fund the program adequately, and that it is not practical now to proceed even if the funding were provided. Apparently the approach they use is to work through the school councillor, and now that the school is out, they are not able to provide the service they would have in the past.

It would appear that the Y.M.C.A. will probably make an approach to the province for financial assistance for a 1979 program.

This is for the information of Council.