

RE: LETTER FROM THE SOCIAL PLANNING AND REVIEW COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA WHICH  
APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE 1980 APRIL 08 MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 4g)  
DENTAL EDUCATION AND TREATMENT FOR CHILDREN

Appearing on last week's agenda was a letter from Mr. Dave Smith, Chairman of the Dental Committee for the Social Planning and Review Council of British Columbia, regarding dental education and treatment for children (Council received this letter and directed that a copy be sent to the School Board). Following is a report from the Medical Health Officer on this matter.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Medical Health Officer be adopted; and
2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. Dave Smith, Chairman, Dental Committee, Social Planning and Review Council of British Columbia, 2210 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V5K 2N6.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

1980 April 10

FROM: MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICER

RE: LETTER DATED 1980 MARCH 31 FROM SOCIAL PLANNING AND REVIEW COUNCIL  
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA REGARDING DENTAL EDUCATION & TREATMENT FOR CHILDREN

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to:

Mr. Peter S. Boyle, Secretary-Treasurer  
Burnaby School Board  
5325 Kincaid Street  
Burnaby, B.C., V5G 1W2

REPORT

Further to the above-mentioned letter, which appeared on the agenda for the 1980 April 08 meeting of Council, the Burnaby School Board has the responsibility for dental education and/or treatment for children. As stated in the letter, the Provincial Government is actively investigating dental programs.

At this time, the Burnaby Health Department does not have direct responsibility for dental education and/or treatment of children. The funds are allocated through the School Board, who employ the dental personnel. There are three dentists and each has a dental assistant.

There are three dental clinics at Capitol Hill, Windsor and Edmonds Schools. Information from the School Board offices is that the 1980 budget for salaries, benefits and supplies for the dental program is \$174,912. Assessments and examinations are carried out on all kindergarten, Grades I and II children. Treatment and/or preventive services are offered, i.e. cleaning of teeth, dental hygiene, education.

Parents wishing to use the treatment or preventive services pay a registration fee of five dollars (\$5.00).

Last year one student was employed by the Health Department under the Youth Employment Program to assist in scheduling and registering children in a program for treatment services provided last summer by the University of British Columbia School of Dentistry. Half the salary for this student for three months was the only expenditure of Municipal funds. The balance was paid by the Provincial Youth Employment Program.

As the dental program for children is administered by the Burnaby School Board, it is my recommendation that the letter from the Social Planning and Review Council of British Columbia be forwarded to the Burnaby School Board.

This report is for the information of Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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