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RE: LETTER FROM SVEND J. ROBINSON, M.P., BURNABY
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, OTTAWA
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY SERVICES CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM
(ITEM 5(c), COUNCIL AGENDA 1980 NOVEMBER 24)
(ITEM 2, REPORT NO. 74, 1980 DECEMBER 01)
(ITEM 12(c), COUNCIL AGENDA 1980 DECEMBER 08)

The following is a report from the Municipal Treasurer re the above.

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT the recommendation of the Municipal Treasurer be adopted.

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1980 December 09

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

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FROM: MUNICIPAL TREASURER

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RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to Svend J. Robinson, M.P., Burnaby.

SUMMARY

This report answers four questions raised in Mr. Svend J. Robinson's letter to Council dated 1980 November 25 (Item 12(c), Council agenda 1980 December 08).

REPORT

BACKGROUND

Council on 1980 December 08 received a letter from Svend J. Robinson, M.P., which asked what impact the termination of the Canada Community Services Program would have on Burnaby, and asked Council to consider a resolution put forward by the Federal caucus of the New Democratic Party.

QUESTIONS ASKED

- a) "What services eligible for assistance under this program will your Council be unable to provide for your community in the near future?"

Programs for which grants have been approved in the past have, with one exception, all been for water and sewer work. Currently, there are no works of this type planned which would not proceed as a result of the program being terminated.

- b) "An estimate of the number of potential jobs lost, as well as the number of people who will be unable to retain their jobs when projects currently funded under CSCP are completed."

Since we do not anticipate curtailing any water or sewer projects as a result of the Canada Community Services Contribution Program being terminated, no potential jobs are lost. Also, there is no staff reduction resulting from the termination of the program, because currently we do not have any projects funded under the Canada Community Services Contribution Program.

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- c) "Any improvements your Council might suggest as to how the program should be implemented; i.e. whether the list of eligible services should be broadened, whether the funding process could be handled more equitably and efficiently, etc."

The existing program covers the following types of projects:

- Sewer
- Water
- Storms
- Social and cultural facilities
- Recreational facilities
- Neighbourhood improvements
- Municipal buildings
- Fire
- Housing
- Other

Generally, the list of eligible services appears to be long enough. However, during the two years that the program was in effect, grants approved (with one exception) were all for water and sewer work. It would probably be more beneficial to Burnaby (provided the program is continued) if more grants were given in the other areas, e.g. storm sewers and recreational facilities.

This report does not address the questions of equitability, efficiency and improvements.

- d) "The compounding effect this cutback will have on the increased demands against your Municipal budget."

Grants, if approved, are equal to 20% of the project cost. Without the program, funds equal to those grants will have to be met out of the Municipal budget, or out of water and sewer rates.

This report has been prepared in consultation with the Municipal Engineer.


Howard Karras
MUNICIPAL TREASURER

cc: Municipal Engineer