THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

REPORT OF THE GRANTS AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

FILE: 2121

His Worship, The Mayor, And Members Of The Municipal Council:

Madam and Gentlemen:

Your Committee would report as follows:

Application No.

Recommendation

32. Burnaby Information And Referral Society - Operational Expenses

\$3,700.

The organization has been recently incorporated as a non-profit Society under the Societies Act and was accepted as a financially participating agency of the United Way effective 1980 January 01.

Prior to 1980 January 01, the Information Centre was sponsored by a standing committee of the United Way Burnaby Division.

The main functions of the Society are to provide accurate information about community resources and to make referrals to appropriate agencies.

They also assist citizens with informal counselling, completing forms, and writing letters, etc.

During 1979, the Society expanded to 10,792 requests for assistance. The enquiries included requests for information and referral for child care, physical and mental health services, family counselling, education, employment, crisis intervention, and legal services, housing, consumer information, financial assistance, recreation, transportation and cultural events.

The Grants Committee would recommend a grant in the amount of \$3,700.

33. Burnaby Information And Referral Society - Volunteer Transportation Programme

\$3,300.

The Volunteer Transportation programme has been in operation for the past three years. The request to Council is to cover the out of pocket expenses of volunteer drivers.

The programme is designed to assist the elderly and handicapped people residing in Burnaby to obtain medical services, who, because of age, frailty or physical handicap, are unable to use public transportation. ...Cont'd p.2.

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33. (Cont'd):

During 1979, 1,244 requests were accommodated.

The Grants Committee would recommend a grant be given in the amount of \$3,300.

34. The Burnaby Lakers Hockey Club

\$1,000.

The Burnaby Lakers Hockey Club has been successful in winning the Canadian Intermediate "A" Hockey Championship.

The Club has incurred considerable expenses leading up to the finals and then hosting the finals.

The Grants Committee would recommend a grant of \$1,000. toward the costs incurred in hosting the Canadian Championship series.

35. Carousel Children's Theatre

Nil

The Theatre was founded in 1974 and is a Vancouver - based group.

Burnaby adequately funds an arts programme through the Parks and Recreation Commission.

There is a limit to the number of arts groups that Burnaby can fund.

Your Committee would recommend that no grant be given.

36. Gilmore Pre-School Association

Nil

The Grants Committee has received a request for a grant of \$2,760. which is an amount equal to an anticipated deficit of \$2,760 to 1981 June 30.

The Committee feels that this is an education responsibility and the Gilmore Pre-School Association should seek funding from the School Board.

The Committee would recommend that no grant be given.

38. McPherson Park Junior Secondary School

Nil

This grant request is to help fund equipment needed in a project to aid non-English speaking immigrant students to make new friends and feel welcome in Canada.

The project would involve groups going on camping and hiking trips.

The Committee feels that students not speaking English who are having difficulty coping is a problem that should be dealt with by the School Board and funding should be sought there.

The Committee would recommend that no grant be given.

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44. Burnaby Horsemen's Association - Grant In Lieu Of Taxes

\$8,000.

In 1978 the Burnaby Horsemen's Association submitted a request to the Municipal Council for a grant in lieu of taxes. This request was submitted to the Parks and Recreation Commission by the Grants and Publicity Committee for a recommendation. This procedure had been followed since inception of the lease between the Corporation and the Burnaby Horsemen's Association.

At the time of the 1978 submission, negotiations were taking place between Burnaby Horsemen's Association and the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding a new licence agreement and lease, and the Commission requested that the tax grant be held in abeyance until negotiations were concluded.

It is only during the past few months that Council, the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Burnaby Horsemen's Association have finally approved the new agreements. It is now felt appropriate to consider the grant request.

Your Committee would recommend that \$8,000. or an amount equal to taxes and other charges for the years 1978, 1979 and 1980 be transferred from the Grants and Publicity Committee budget account and credited to the tax account of the Burnaby Horsemen's Association.

45. St. Michael's Centre - Grant In Lieu Of Taxes

\$2,579.45

St. Michael's Centre Hospital Society purchased the property at 7451 Sussex Avenue from the United Church of Canada on 1979 December 31.

It is a public hospital which is normally exempt from taxation. However, the property was purchased too late to meet the November 30th deadline for preparation of the necessary by-law to obtain tax relief.

The Grants Committee would recommend that an amount equal to \$2,579.45 be transferred from the Grants and Publicity Committee budget account and credited to the tax account of the St. Michael's Centre Hospital Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman: Gerald D. Ast (Ald.)

Members: Donald N. Brown (Ald.)

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