

ITEM 13
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 43
COUNCIL MEETING 1982 06 28

RE: LETTER FROM SHIRLEY W. NORTH, R.N. WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR
THE 1982 MAY 17 MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 4c)
RECENT REDUCTIONS IN STAFFING COMPLEMENT AND ACUTE CARE BEDS
AT BURNABY GENERAL HOSPITAL

A report from the Director Planning & Building Inspection is attached.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendations of the Medical Health Officer be adopted.

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1982 June 22

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICER

RE: LETTER ADDRESSED TO MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL
FROM SHIRLEY W. NORTH, 6991 DUNBLANE AVENUE, BURNABY, B.C.
CONCERNING RECENT REDUCTIONS IN STAFFING COMPLEMENT
AND ACUTE CARE BEDS AT BURNABY GENERAL HOSPITAL

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Shirley W. North, 6991 Dunblane Avenue, Burnaby, B.C., V5J 4G1; and
2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. N.K. Barth, President, Burnaby General Hospital, 3935 Kincaid Street, Burnaby, B.C., V5G 2X6.

SUMMARY:

The following report addresses concerns raised at the 1982 May 17 meeting of Council regarding recent reductions in acute care beds and staffing complement at the Burnaby General Hospital.

REPORT

In response to the subject letter addressed to the Mayor and Council from Shirley W. North, R.N., 6991 Dunblane Avenue, Burnaby, information was requested by Council on the recent reductions in staffing complement and acute care beds and related programs at the Burnaby General Hospital, 3935 Kincaid Street.

On 1982 June 03, the following letter was forwarded to the Administrator, Burnaby General Hospital:

"The attached correspondence from a Burnaby resident, Shirley W. North, was reviewed by Burnaby Council at the 1982 May 17 meeting. As a result of discussion at that time, Council has asked the following questions:

- The number of staff cut, the number of bed closures and the reasons why?
- What actual programs have been affected and what is the impact on Burnaby residents?
- Were administration areas examined for possible reduction as well as hospital programs?
- Were any of the staff cuts and bed closures seasonal in nature and not related to funding?

Council has asked that I report back to them by mid-June. Your response and any further pertinent information that you can supply would be gratefully received."

On 1982 June 10, the Administrator of the Burnaby General Hospital forwarded the following information:

"In reply to your letter of June 3, 1982, please be advised as follows:

1. Burnaby General Hospital reduced its staffing complement by 93 full time equivalent positions to a current working total of 934 F.T.E.
2. We have taken 36 acute care beds out of service, with an additional 18 beds to be consolidated by the end of June. The 18 beds represent those which would normally be taken out of service during the summer months, and would normally be reopened again in September. This year, however, we will be monitoring the situation to determine whether they will need to be out of service for a longer period of time. The beds are being taken out of service because the need to reduce costs commensurate with B.C.H.P. approved budget necessitates reductions in staff which make up about 80% of the operating costs. Trying to maintain the same number of beds with a reduced staff would adversely affect the quality of care.
3. The major impact of these actions will be a general reduction in the volume of work and the quantity of services which the hospital is able to provide to the residents of the community. In addition to work reduction as a result of fewer inpatients, several Departments including Radiology, Laboratory, Physio-therapy will need to reduce outpatient services as well.
4. All areas of the hospital were affected by the restraint program, not only the nursing and other direct care Departments, but administrative and support services as well, ranging from an 8% to a 25% reduction by Department, with an overall average approximating 10% reduction.
5. Reference was made earlier regarding reductions in beds of a seasonal nature.

I trust that the above information is a satisfactory response to Council's concerns. Should more detail be required, I would be pleased to provide it."

The letter submitted to Council by Shirley W. North, R.N., also expressed concern on other viable alternatives to health care within this municipality.

The Long Term Care Program, which is financed by the Provincial Government, but administered by the Burnaby Health Department, provides the following support services: (1) homemaker services (2) placement in Community Care Facilities.

The philosophy of this program is to provide support services for those people who require it for health reasons and to maintain people in their own homes wherever possible.

The Home Care Program is also financed by the Provincial Government, but is administered by the Burnaby Health Department. This Program provides home nursing and physio-therapy services.

The Home Care and Long Term Care Programs enable an increasing number of people to receive support services for health reasons and to remain in their own homes and, depending on the family support available, to enable even those requiring extended care to stay at home.

This Municipality does have an adult day care at St. Michael's Centre, which can provide day time services for up to fifteen people per day under present funding provisions.

Submitted for the information of Council.

Sally Hemming

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MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICER

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING &
BUILDING INSPECTION

PLANNING &
BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT
1982 JUNE 24

SUBJECT: LETTER RECEIVED BY COUNCIL 1982 MAY 17 FROM SHIRLEY W. NORTH
ZONING BY-LAW PROVISIONS FOR IN-LAW SUITE ACCOMMODATION

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Shirley W. North, R.N.,
6991 Dunblane Avenue, Burnaby, B.C., V5J 4G1.

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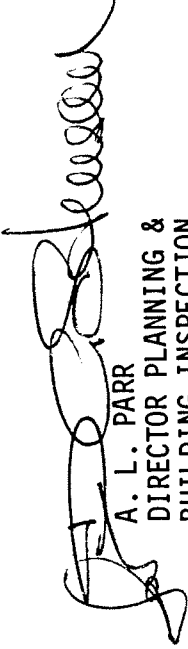
The Planning & Building Inspection Department has been asked to provide an update with reference to the status of Council's proposed text amendments to the Zoning By-Law with respect to provisions for in-law suite accommodation in two family dwellings, as this subject relates to the interest expressed by Ms. North in her letter.

At the Council meeting of 82 05 25, it was recalled that on 82 05 17 Council adopted a recommendation of the Housing Committee that the Zoning By-Law be amended to provide this type of accommodation in the Residential District (R9) and also in two family dwellings in the Residential Districts (R4) and (R5). It was stated that a further report would be submitted in the near future advancing specific recommendations for the text amendments in order to implement Council's decision. That further report was presented to Council on 82 06 21, at which time Council adopted the recommendations with amendments to enable in-law suite accommodations as described in dwelling units occupied on a rental basis as well as in owner-occupied dwelling units. Text amendments reflecting the foregoing are to be submitted to a Public Hearing on 82 08 24; if approved after the Public Hearing and necessary by-law readings, these changes will permit in-law suite accommodation to be created in tenant-occupied two-family dwellings subject to conformance with other Municipal by-laws and codes.

We understand that it is the intention of Council to maintain control of occupancy in such in-law suites through the provisions of the Zoning By-Law through the registered covenant and annual in-law suite licence procedures already in place.

The applicability of the provisions to the particular dwelling unit referred to by Ms North can be determined only on a property specific reference if and when an application were to be made.

This is for the information of Council.


A. L. PARR
DIRECTOR PLANNING &
BUILDING INSPECTION

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cc: Medical Health Officer