

RE: LETTER FROM MR. C.S.J. McKELVEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE UBCM, WHICH  
APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE 1983 MARCH 28 MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 4a)  
POLICE LIAISON UNITS AND RELATED COSTS

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.

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REPORT

On 1983 March 28, Council received a letter from the UBCM requesting "...any information on the proposed operation of police liaison units and their related costs" because "At least some part of local costs when the new witness management scheme is implemented will be incurred by police liaison units." Council on that occasion was informed that a report would be submitted on this matter at the April 05 meeting of Council.

The new witness management scheme is primarily intended to minimize expenses involving the subpoenaing of witnesses for court by scheduling their appearances on days when members of the police force are on regular duty so as to avoid overtime and facilitate the process of justice. A police liaison unit is comprised of members from within a police detachment who are specifically assigned to liaison between the police department and other components of the justice system including judges, prosecutors and parole and probation officers.

The following additional information was obtained from the Officer-in-Charge, Burnaby Detachment, RCMP:

"Burnaby Detachment already has a Court Detail that is our police liaison unit.

The Witness Management proposal is already in effect in the Provincial Courts at Burnaby.

I do not see any changes that would affect related costs. Both the Court Detail and Witness Management Program are operating efficiently and effectively."

Staff, in a letter that was sent to UBCM on 1983 March 28, advised of the situation as it currently exists in Burnaby, and there is nothing further that needs to be done in this regard.

This is for the information of Council.

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