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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 60  
COUNCIL MEETING 84/10/01

RE: BURNABY YOUTH SERVICES TRIANNUAL REPORT  
1984 MAY 01 to 1984 AUGUST 31

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:


1. THAT the recommendation of the Officer-in-Charge, Burnaby Detachment, be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER  
FROM: OFFICER IN CHARGE, BURNABY DETACHMENT RCMP  
SUBJECT: BURNABY YOUTH SERVICES TRIANNUAL REPORT  
84/05/01 to 84/08/31

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this unedited report from the Youth Services Supervisor, be received for information purposes.

  
(N.L. FUCHS) Supt.  
Officer in Charge  
Burnaby Detachment

TO: Supt. N.L. FUCHS  
FROM: Cathy BELLAMY  
Supervisor, Youth Services  
SUBJECT: Burnaby Youth Services Triannual Report  
1984 May 01 - August 31

Program Activity:

Prior to the traditional summer lag experienced in the social service community, Youth Services conducted a community survey to determine agency and elementary school knowledge, use and satisfaction with Burnaby Youth Services. A substantial response rate was obtained from the administrators/counsellors of the thirty-six elementary schools, social workers from five district offices of the Ministry of Human Resources, Probation, Project Backdoor, Lifeline Society, the Children's Team of Burnaby Mental Health and the Burnaby office of the Drug and Alcohol Commission.

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Briefly summarized, the results of the survey indicate that Burnaby Youth Services has been utilized more extensively than a previous survey found, although considerable confusion continues to exist regarding the exact nature of our mandate. While community relations are viewed positively, there is some feeling that Youth Services lacks sufficient resources to provide effective service. This problem identification appears related to a corresponding perception that we deal with a target population and target problems which are different than the intended population and mandate. This evaluation response will be helpful in reviewing the program's future direction.

The supervisor of Youth Services was nominated and accepted as a member of the Governing Committee of the United Way of Burnaby, representing a community agency at large in Burnaby. This will facilitate a broader range of interactions with the social service community and enable Youth Services to benefit from shared issues and concerns of other agencies. For example, the supervisor, along with administrators from major statutory agencies, voluntary agencies and the school board, have become participants of a Youth in Crisis Committee to look at how we can assist Burnaby youths in crisis within the short term and long term perspective.

#### Program Direction

The waning referral rate and community survey indicate we need to examine the program's overall mandate to determine whether it is still an appropriate one or whether consideration should be given to changing its mandate in response to changing needs. A proposal suggesting program alternatives has been submitted to Superintendent FUCHS for perusal. If a decision is made to maintain the present mandate, the community survey indicates Youth Services staff must embark on a campaign to educate the community more accurately about the intent and mandate of Burnaby Youth Services.

#### Referral Activity

The second triannual period reflects a continued trend of decreasing referrals. Referrals dropped from 107 during this same period in 1983 to 79 this year, a 26.2% decrease. This decrease is reflected not only in police referrals, but in referrals from outside sources. Sandra EDELMAN, researcher with the Special Projects Branch of the Attorney General's Department, conducted a telephone survey of the existing provincial police-based Youth and Family Counselling Programs and found that these programs were also receiving less referrals. Whether this can be attributed to the Young Offender's Act is unknown at this time, however. Another program in Kelowna, also made reference to the fact that there has been a change in the profile of youths referred to that program. This suggests that Burnaby Youth Services is not alone in observing fluctuations in program characteristics.

There are no significant changes in client characteristics, although there is a shift in the kinds of police-referred offences. Last year, there had been an increase in major offences during the first six months of the year. This period's statistics indicate that major offences committed by juveniles have decreased and vandalism-wilful damage has increased from 5.6% of the referrals during this period in 1983 to 20.2% in 1984.

Recidivist rates remain positive. During the past four months, 78 three month recidivist checks were made and only 11 or 14.1% of the youths had re-offended, 80 six month checks were made and 10 or 12.5% of the youths had re-offended,

1. A Systems Evaluation of Burnaby Youth Services, A Juvenile Crime Prevention Project, B.C. Ministry of Attorney General, 1982.

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and 104 twelve month checks were completed and only 17 or 16.3% of the youths had repeat police contacts.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cathy BELLAMY  
Supervisor, Youth Services

Attachment: Triannual Comparative Referral Statistics

c.c. Inspector D.S. MORTIMER, OIC Operations

## TRIANNUAL COMPARATIVE REFERRAL STATISTICS - May - August, 1984

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TOTAL REFERRALS	1984	1983
MALE	49	70
FEMALE	25	33
FAMILY	5	4
5 - 7 Yrs.	6	6
8 - 10	12	12
11 - 12	18	29
13 - 14	39	48
15 - 16	9	16
17 +	1	0
Unknown	0	0

REFERRAL SOURCE:

BURNABY R.C.M.P.	64	79
PARENTAL/SELF	12	15
CITIZEN	0	0
OTHER	0	0
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES	1	2
BURNABY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC	0	1
BURNABY SCHOOL BOARD	2	9
LIFELINE	0	0
FAMILY DOCTOR	0	1

REASON FOR REFERRAL:

VANDALISM - WILFUL DAMAGE	16	6
DRUGS - ALCOHOL	0	1
SHOPLIFTING	11	19
THEFT/UNDER \$200	14	11
B & E	10	12
MAJOR OFFENCE	6	14
SOCIAL PROBLEMS	6	18
PRE-DELINQUENT BEHAVIOUR	9	17
RUNAWAY/MISSING PERSON	4	4
OTHER	3	5
SUBTOTAL (NON OFFENCE REFERRALS)	22	44

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE:

SHORT-TERM FAMILY/YOUTH COUNSELLING	4	7
BRIEF COUNSELLING	26	33
CONSULTATION	6	4
CO-OPERATIVE SERVICES	1	0
REFERRED TO OTHER AGENCY	1	3
INAPPROPRIATE REFERRAL	10	24
<b>SERVICES REFUSED BY CLIENT</b>	1	3

