

ITEM 11
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 60
COUNCIL MEETING 84/10/01

RE: LETTER FROM MR. RICK BENNETT WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA
FOR THE 1984 SEPTEMBER 24 MEETING OF COUNCIL (Item 5e)
PROPOSAL FOR A NATIONAL SCHOOL OF MUSIC/OAKALLA PRISON LANDS

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Director Planning & Building
Inspection be adopted. * * * * *

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1984 September 27
FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING INSPECTION Our File: 15.404
SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE FROM MR. R. BENNETT DATED 1984 SEPTEMBER 14

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RECOMMENDATION :

1. THAT a copy of this report be forwarded to Mr. R. Bennett,
#45-7180 Pandora Street, Burnaby, B.C. V5A 1B7.

R E P O R T

Appearing on the Council Agenda of 1984 September 24 was a letter dated 1984 September 14 from Mr. R. Bennett to which is attached a copy of his letter sent to The Honourable Brian Smith, Attorney-General. In that letter, Mr. Bennett has advocated the location of a national school of music within the Oakalla prison site following its planned closure.

As part of its review of the proposed Provincial Government Deer Lake Project in 1982 December, staff reviewed the 68 acre site presently occupied by The Lower Mainland Regional Correctional Centre (Oakalla Prison) and concluded that the developable proportion of the site could be appropriately utilized for residential purposes with the possibility of some compatible institutional use also being accommodated.

Mr. Bennett's suggestion for locating a prestigious institutional use, such as a national school of music, within the Municipality, has appeal given our continuing desire to expand and improve the cultural and educational opportunities available. Whether or not such a facility will ever be developed and could be located within this region is less clear.

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The theoretical use of the Oakalla lands as a candidate site for such a facility, consistent with the timetable for the closure of the prison could certainly be considered a possibility. Assuming this use were to be located within this region, a more definitive response to the specific, relative merits of the Oakalla and other Municipal sites could be prepared by this department and made available for promotional purposes.



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DIRECTOR PLANNING &
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cc: Director Recreation & Cultural Services