

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:

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Recommendation

3. Big Sisters of B.C. Lower Mainland

\$2,750.

This organization provides a counselling programme for girls between the ages of 7 and 18 who are in need of assistance. The programme is supplemented by a variety of recreational and sports activities. Their administration is handled from the central office in Vancouver but they have recently contracted with the Burnaby Volunteer Centre to establish a branch location for their agency in Burnaby.

For the last three years, Council has approved an annual grant of \$2,500. This year, their request, which is supported by a well documented application, is for an increased grant of \$6,000.

Your Committee would recommend, however, that their annual grant for 1984 be increased to \$2,750.

4. Burnaby Family Life Institute - Lay Counselling Programme in Burnaby

\$2,225.

Through the existing preventive and educational services provided by the Burnaby Family Life Institute to Burnaby families, it has been found that there is a need for counselling support services to families and individuals in stress situations. We are advised that the lack of counselling programs for Burnaby families has also been documented in a United Way Report - "Families in Stress Study - Report #3 (September 1982)" which has been addressed by the United Way Burnaby Division Governing Committee.

The Institute is proposing to develop a lay counselling program in Burnaby. We are advised that although the concept of lay counselling is not a new one in the Lower Mainland, it would be a unique program for our community.

Your Committee would therefore recommend a one time grant in the amount of \$2,225. as a start-up contribution towards the proposed programme planned for Burnaby.

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5.	<p><u>Burnaby Volunteer Centre</u></p> <p>The above Centre provides a valuable service to the community in soliciting, recording, and keeping a file of volunteers who are available throughout the municipality and referring those persons with appropriate skills to the various agencies that require their services.</p> <p>The ever-increasing demand for this type of service is reflected in a 27.3% increase in the number of volunteers processed over 1982 and the 62% increase in service over 1981.</p> <p>Their request for an increased grant of \$7,500. is based on a critical need for funding to enable the Centre to operate effectively in 1984.</p> <p>In 1981, Council approved a grant of \$3,500. In 1982, they received an increased grant of \$5,000. and the same amount was granted in 1983.</p> <p>Your Committee would recommend that an increased grant in the amount of \$5,500. be awarded the Burnaby Volunteer Centre for 1984.</p>	\$5,500.
6.	<p><u>The Salvation Army</u></p> <p>Your Committee has received an application from The Salvation Army requesting "continued support" from the Council for their work in 1984 and expressing thanks for the financial assistance they have received in the past.</p> <p>No specific amount is mentioned in their application but your Committee feels that Council should be advised that over the years, they have never asked for an increase in their annual grant. Since 1977, they have received \$2,000. annually.</p> <p>Your Committee would recommend that The Salvation Army be given an increased grant in the amount of \$2,500 for 1984.</p>	\$2,500.
7.	<p><u>Burnaby Information &amp; Referral Society (Operating Expenses)</u></p> <p>The main function of the above Society is to provide information about community resources and to make referrals to appropriate agencies. In addition, Burnaby citizens are given informal counselling, and assistance in completing forms and writing letters. They operate the Christmas Bureau and co-ordinate a Summer Camp program for children of low income families. The Society also operates the Transportation Program described in Application No. 8.</p>	\$4,250.

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7. (Cont'd):

(\$4,250.)

The Society plans to be involved in the Federal Student Employment Summer Grant Program again this year, and in response to a request of the Burnaby Division of the United Way, they hope to produce a "Directory of Burnaby Services". In general, they continue to expand the services that are given to Burnaby citizens whilst at the same time maintaining their primary function as an Information & Referral Centre.

Since 1981, the Society has received an annual grant of \$4,000. for operating expenses. Their budget for 1984/85 is as follows:

Rent and Insurance	\$2,675.00
Telephone	<u>2,760.00</u>
Total:	\$5,435.00

Your Committee would recommend an increased grant in the amount of \$4,250. be approved for 1984.

8.

Burnaby Information & Referral Society  
(Transportation)

\$4,000.

A volunteer transportation service is offered to Burnaby citizens who are unable to take public transportation, mainly Seniors and the handicapped.

In 1981, 1982 and 1983, Council approved an annual grant of \$4,000. The Society is again requesting financial assistance in the amount of \$4,000.

Your Committee would recommend that a grant in the amount of \$4,000. be given to the Burnaby Information & Referral Society for their Volunteer Transportation Programme in 1984.

9.

1984 Canadian Fire Chiefs' Conference

Nil

The City of Vancouver Fire Department is hosting the above Conference August 19-23, 1984, inclusive. In 1976, the Vancouver Fire Department had the same privilege and various G.V.R.D. municipalities offered financial assistance by purchasing a page of the Conference Book. At that time, Burnaby purchased a full page. We have been asked to supply a publicity item in the 1984 Conference Book at a cost of \$500. for a full page, \$250. for ½ page, or \$125. for ¼ page. By a unanimous vote, your Committee would recommend that no contribution be made to the 1984 Canadian Fire Chiefs' Conference Book.

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10. Life Line Society - Marguerite Dixon House Nil

In 1980, Council approved a "start-up" grant of \$4,000. and it was definitely stated at that time that this would be the only grant that would be given; however, in 1981, a further grant of \$2,000. was recommended to Council and approved. No grant was given in 1982, nor in 1983.

The Society operates the shelter, "Marguerite Dixon House", in Burnaby, for women and children who are in need of temporary shelter as a result of family violence. It is a non-profit society, incorporated under the Societies Act, in 1973.

A request has been submitted for a grant of \$5,000. to cover half the running costs of the house in 1984, the rent being \$10,560.00.

By a unanimous vote, your Committee recommends that no grant be given as it would be contrary to the policy guidelines pertaining to start-up funding, viz. we cannot approve a start-up grant and then have the society request additional grants at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald N. Brown, (Alderman)  
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