

ITEM 5  
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 70  
COUNCIL MEETING 88/10/31

RE: YOUTH IN GREYSTONE AND BURNABY YOUTH SERVICES REVIEW: STATUS REPORT

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1988 October 24

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING INSPECTION Our File: 17.815

SUBJECT: YOUTH IN GREYSTONE AND BURNABY YOUTH SERVICES REVIEW: STATUS REPORT

PURPOSE: The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the status of two projects: the Youth in Greystone and Burnaby Youth Services Review.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That copies of this report be sent to:
  - a) Mr. Phill Esau,  
Chairman, Burnaby Inter-Agency Council Youth Outreach Task Force,  
c/o 688 Columbia Street,  
New Westminster, B.C. V3M 1M2,
  - b) Members of the Greystone Advisory Group and the Parks & Recreation Commission.
  - c) The Municipal Crime Prevention Committee

R E P O R T

1.0 BACKGROUND

At its meeting of 1988 July 11, Council adopted the recommendations contained in two reports: 1) "Youth in Greystone - Short Term Strategies" and 2) "Burnaby Youth Services Review". The first report outlined strategies for addressing youth-related problems in the Greystone area of Burnaby. The second focused on municipal wide youth concerns, which would be addressed through a study to be coordinated by staff in consultation with the Burnaby Inter-Agency Council.

At its meeting of 1988 September 19, Council requested information on the status of these two projects. Specifically, with respect to the Greystone project, Council wanted to learn the status of hiring of the youth worker for the area. With respect to the Burnaby wide youth project, Council wanted an update on the project timing. This report has been prepared in response to Council's requests.

2.0 STATUS

2.1 Youth in Greystone

The primary focus of the Greystone report was on short term strategies - strategies that could be implemented or initiated before the end of this summer. A total of seven short term strategies were identified. The two key strategies were the hiring of a youth worker and establishment of a community advisory group to assist staff with implementation and monitoring of the strategies.

Following adoption of the Youth in Greystone recommendations, the Ministry of Social Services and Housing approved a grant application for the hiring of a youth worker for the area. The grant was awarded to Burnaby Purpose Youth Society for operation of an eight month project (running from 1988 August to 1989 March). The worker has been familiarizing himself with youths and youth resources in Greystone and the area near Satch's Arcade. He has arranged gym nights at Stoney Creek and Montecito Schools, and will be arranging another gym night at Lochdale Community School in November. The worker is currently using office space at Forest Grove Elementary School.

Staff met with the Greystone Advisory Group on 1988 October 04. The purpose of the meeting was to review progress in implementing the Greystone youth strategies and to determine additional actions required. Advisory Group members reported that the number of youths "hanging out" at Greystone Plaza has dropped dramatically since the problem was first identified. In general, they were pleased with the initiatives taken to date. They noted a strong concern, however, over public transit service for the area - specifically, the change in fare zones at Gagliardi Way during peak hours, the infrequency of service, and poor routing of buses. They contended that without improvements to the area's transit services, Greystone youths will be discouraged from taking the bus to Cameron Recreation Centre, C.G. Brown Pool and other destinations.

Staff agree that transit improvements are an essential component of a successful youth strategy for Greystone. We will therefore relay the Advisory Group's transit concerns to B.C. Transit Commission. We will also take these concerns into account when we review B.C. Transit's forthcoming North Burnaby Area Transit Plan. Some Advisory Group members, on an individual basis, may also be expressing their views to B.C. Transit.

Another Greystone Advisory Group meeting has been scheduled for 1988 November 30.

2.2 Burnaby Youth Services Review

The primary objectives of the Youth Services Review will be to identify "hot spots" of Burnaby youth, the number and characteristics of the youth involved, unmet youth service needs, optional models for delivery of youth services, and recommendations for future delivery of youth services in Burnaby. Another objective will be to generate information to assist staff in evaluating the effectiveness of the Greystone youth strategies.

Staff are presently working with the Youth Outreach Task Force of the Inter-Agency Council in laying the groundwork for the study. A sum of \$15,000 has been included in the Planning and Building Inspection Department's 1989 Provisional Budget for the hiring of a consultant to conduct the study. In January, after the Provisional Budget has been approved, and with specific Council approval staff will advertise for a project consultant. We expect the selection process to take roughly two months from the time the advertisement is placed in the paper. Once the consultant is in place, we anticipate the research to take four months to complete. The project should thus be concluded by July or August of next year.

3.0 CONCLUSION

Considerable progress has been made on the Youth in Greystone project since July, and staff are laying the groundwork for initiation of the Burnaby Youth Services Review early in 1989. Staff will continue to work with the Greystone Advisory Group and Inter-Agency Council's Youth Outreach Task Force to advance the projects. Through these efforts, we believe we will be able to develop appropriate responses for addressing the needs of Greystone and Burnaby youths.

Staff will provide additional reports to Council as deemed appropriate.



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cc: Director Recreation & Cultural Services  
Director Administrative & Community Services  
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