

ITEM 5
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 68
COUNCIL MEETING 88/10/24

RE: RCMP VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Director Administrative & Community Services be adopted.

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TO: DIRECTOR ADMINISTRATIVE & COMMUNITY SERVICES 1988 October 18
FROM: OFFICER IN CHARGE, BURNABY DETACHMENT RCMP File: 1510-17
SUBJECT: RCMP VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
PURPOSE: PROGRAM UPDATE

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the RCMP Victim Assistance program update report be received for information purposes.

REPORT

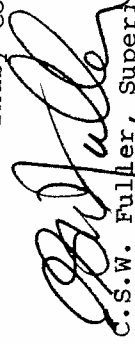
The RCMP Victim Assistance Program had planned to provide an update in April 1989, one year after the joint funding between the Attorney General's department and the municipality was effective; however, at the end of September the coordinator, Cst. Earla-Kim McColl left Burnaby Detachment and this report is being provided because of her departure.

To date, in approximately 6700 hours of volunteer time, the program has assisted 2,400 victims and witnesses of crime and their families in Burnaby and provided over 3,800 services to those victims. Our services include:

1. Assistance and information regarding police procedures and practices.
2. Information on court proceedings.
3. Preparation for and accompaniment to court.
4. Referral to community services.
5. Crime prevention.
6. Information and applications for criminal injuries compensation.
7. Information on police case progress.
8. Support after the trauma.

The addition of a paid civilian coordinator, Mrs. Debbie Walden, whose salary is provided by the joint funding, has allowed the program to expand in two major areas: the complement of volunteers will be increased from 19 to 36 allowing us to reach even more victims; and our contact with victims of crime is now virtually immediate - we can respond to the scene of a crime or unexpected death to assist Burnaby citizens at the time of their greatest need.

The Victim Assistance Program serves a major role in our community and it will continue to do so under the direction of our new coordinator, Cst. Mary Ann Detillieux. We greatly appreciate the support of the Mayor and members of Burnaby Council and look forward to continued success.



C.S.W. Fuller, Superintendent
Officer in Charge
Burnaby Detachment