

RE: LETTER FROM DAWNE BRINGELAND, PRESIDENT OF THE BURNABY BRANCH, RED CROSS, WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE 1988 SEPTEMBER 12 MEETING OF COUNCIL  
REQUEST FOR LARGER PREMISES

ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1988 September 20

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING INSPECTION

SUBJECT: LETTER OF INQUIRY - BURNABY RED CROSS  
NEED FOR LARGER PREMISES

PURPOSE: The purpose of this report is to reply to a letter of inquiry submitted by the Burnaby Red Cross to Council.

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Dawne Bringeland, President, Burnaby Branch, The Canadian Red Cross Society, 6161 Deer Lake Avenue, Burnaby, B.C. V5G 4A3; and to the Burnaby Inter-Agency Council, c/o United Way, 250 Willingdon Avenue, Burnaby, V5C 5E9.

**R E P O R T**

This department has been requested to report on a letter dated 1988 August 18 from the Burnaby Red Cross which was an item of correspondence on the agenda of the Council meeting of 1988 September 12. The letter looks to Municipal assistance, guidance, and suggestions in the possible relocation of the Burnaby Red Cross to larger premises. The Red Cross understands that some discussions have taken place with the Municipality for the provision of space to non-profit organizations by developers in future major development projects.

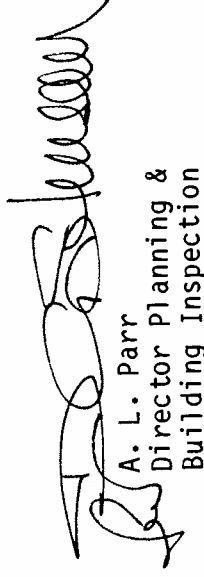
In response to the inquiry, it is noted that from time to time, the Municipality provides space in Municipally-owned buildings for non-profit community organizations such as, for example, the Red Cross in their current premises in the West Building and the Big Brothers in premises next to Eastburn Community Centre. However, the Municipality has no overall policy with respect to the providing of space for non-profit community organizations. Each such initiative is examined and pursued on its own merits, and is also subject to the availability of surplus space. As Municipal requirements increase such surplus space may also no longer be available. It is noted that some community organizations are provided space by the Burnaby School Board in closed-down school buildings.

The reference to recent discussions on the possible provision of space for non-profit community organizations or for some public agencies themselves in major development projects has been related to the major Metrotown core developments. The desirability of providing a community outreach storefront operation in the Metrotown core was identified in the recent Metrotown Infrastructure Study and arose out of work pursued by the Burnaby Inter-Agency Council. However, to date, no detailed studies have been pursued, no definitive appropriate uses identified, nor detailed space requirements determined. Whether the Red Cross with its current program and need for expanded premises at little or no rent can be accommodated in Metrotown or another Burnaby location would have to be first resolved on a policy basis before specific options were addressed.

Staff are continuing to work with the Inter-Agency Council towards the ultimate goal of an implementable social program for Metrotown. It would be appropriate at this time to bring the request of the Burnaby Red Cross to the attention of the Inter-Agency Council for inclusion in its further consideration.

This is for the information of Council.

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