

RE: BURNABY YOUTH SERVICES REPORT

ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Officer in Charge Burnaby Detachment RCMP be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: OFFICER IN CHARGE BURNABY DETACHMENT RCMP
SUBJECT: BURNABY YOUTH SERVICES REPORT
PURPOSE: TO PROVIDE COUNCIL WITH CONDENSED INFORMATION WITH REFERENCE TO THE ACTIVITIES OF BURNABY YOUTH SERVICES DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR OF 1989

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this unedited report be received for information purposes.

REPORT

The following contains information directly related to the activities of the services provided by Youth Services under the direction of the Burnaby RCMP Detachment. A nineteen-page separate report sets out comments, statistics and graphs in greater detail and is available from Youth Services upon request.

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Officer In Charge
Burnaby Detachment

TO: Superintendent BEAUDREAU - Officer in Charge, Burnaby Detachment
FROM: Phil MAKORTOFF - Supervisor, Burnaby Youth Services
SUBJECT: BURNABY YOUTH SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT - CAPSULE REPORT

The following provides a summary of the major points covered in the 1989 Annual Report. The full text of the report is accompanied with statistics and graphs; anyone interested in further information can contact me at 294-7721.

Introduction

1. Burnaby Youth Services provided assessment, counselling, and referral services to 385 youth and families in 1989.
2. The continuing high demands on the Youth Services program led to the establishment of a Wait-List in March, and the initiation of changes to the referral criteria for community-based referrals in August.
3. Service provision in this period indicates significant increases in short term counselling and in consultation services, both of which are time intensive services.

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Program Activity

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Assessment and counselling services were augmented by the following activities:

1. Orientation to new recruits as part of their training rotation, as well as to members transferring into the Burnaby Detachment.
2. Given that new referrals were waiting four to five weeks for contact from Youth Services, the following changes were made to the Youth Services mandate and referral procedure as of August 15:
 - (a) Police referrals are being handled on a priority basis in order to decrease the waiting period to two weeks or less. We continue to accept referrals on youth aged 5 to 17.
 - (b) Community referrals (from schools, parents, and other agencies) are still being accepted, however, are restricted to youth 14 years of age and younger.
 - (c) Community referrals will be incorporated into our caseloads when caseload demands permit their inclusion. Hopefully the waiting period for these referrals would be maintained at three to four weeks.
3. Records have been kept on waiting periods for all referrals for the last 5 months of 1989. We initiated contact within two weeks for 62% of the police referrals; 92% of police referrals were contacted within three weeks, and all community referrals, 58% were contacted within three weeks, and all community referrals were contacted within four weeks of our receiving the referral. The waiting periods will continue to be monitored on a monthly basis in 1990.
4. A short article on the Youth Services program was published in a March issue of the Burnaby Now. A more lengthy article appeared in a July issue of the Burnaby/New Westminster News.
5. The Supervisor and Counsellor made presentations before groups such as Burnaby Secondary school counsellors, Burnaby Probation Officers, and Security personnel from two Burnaby shopping malls.
6. In November, the Supervisor made a presentation to "C" Watch R.C.M.P. members during their Training Day. The purpose, mandate, and philosophy of the Youth Services program was explained in detail. A valuable exchange of ideas took place on the parameters of Youth Services as a Social Services agency. It is anticipated that similar presentations will be made to the three remaining Watches in 1990.
7. Youth Services staff continues to be involved as participating members of several interagency groups, including the Inter-Ministerial Children's Committee, the Community School based Interagency groups, and the Interagency Youth Outreach Task Force.

Statistical Analysis

1. Youth Services statistics represent a select number of referrals, and in no way reflect actual juvenile crime in Burnaby.
 2. The program received 385 referrals in 1989, a 7.9 percent decrease over the previous year.
 3. Police referrals decreased by 8.2 percent. Parent/Self referrals decreased by 31.7 percent. Burnaby School Board referrals increased by 54 percent (from 35 in 1988, to 54 in 1989). Referral numbers ranged from 29 to 47 in 8 months of 1989. Between 24-26 referrals were received in July, August, September, and December.
 4. A significant increase in referrals was noted in the 9 to 11 years group. Referrals in this category increased by 22.6 percent, from 62 in 1988, to 76 in 1989. Referrals in the 5 to 8 year group decreased by 29 percent, and in the 15 to 17 year group by 22 percent. Referrals in the 12 to 14 year group decreased by 3 percent.
 5. Declines were noted in referrals for B. & E. offences (by 45.4 percent), theft under \$1,000 (by 43.5 percent), and wilful damage (by 23.5 percent). There was a significant increase (by 59 percent) in the "Other" category under reasons for referral. These include referrals for arson, experimenting with fire, parent/child conflicts, requests for consultation, and other miscellaneous reasons. There was a 19 percent increase in referrals due to Social problems, and a 17 percent increase in referrals on youth running away from home. Referrals of youth exhibiting pre-delinquent behaviour decreased by 4.5 percent.
 6. There was a 24 percent increase in the provision of Short Term counselling services to our clients in 1989. Approximately 50 percent of the Referrals to Other Agencies involved youth who live outside of Burnaby, but had committed an offence within the Municipality. These youth were routinely referred to agencies within their own community. Our Consultation and Information services increased by 11.3 percent and Intake and Assessment decreased slightly (by 2.1 percent). From the total referral numbers, 5.7 percent were concluded as Services Refused by Client.
 7. Three hundred and seven 3 month recidivist checks were completed, and 60, or 19.5 percent of those youths checked had police contacts following their last contact with Youth Services. This is a 5.3 percent increase over the 1988 figure.
- Thirty-three, or 14.6 percent of the two hundred and twenty-five youths checked six months following our last contact, had further police involvement. This is a 1.5 percent increase over the 1988 figure.
- One hundred and ninety-two youths were checked twelve months following our last contact. Thirty-seven, or 19.3 percent had further police contacts within one year of Youth Services intervention. This constitutes a marginal 0.7 percent increase over the 1988 figure of 18.6 percent.

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Summary

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Referrals to Youth Services in 1989 decreased by 7.9 percent. We provided assessment, counselling, and referral services to 385 Burnaby Youths and their families during 1989. Our recidivist rates illustrate we are consistently meeting our overall objectives to lessen problematic behaviour, and facilitate the prevention of further delinquent behaviour of youth referred to our program.

We look forward to meeting our goal of the continuing provision of a consistently effective early intervention program for the citizens of Burnaby.