

ITEM 4
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 3
COUNCIL MEETING 90/01/15

RE: LETTER FROM THE BURNABY CENTENNIAL LIONS HOUSING SOCIETY
INTEREST IN DEVELOPING NON-PROFIT HOUSING

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1990 January 10

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING INSPECTION Our File: 03.703

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM BURNABY CENTENNIAL LIONS CLUB

PURPOSE: To respond to a letter from the Centennial Lions Club regarding their expression of interest in developing non-profit housing.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to:
Mr. Jack Robertson
c/o Burnaby Centennial Lions Club
9 Harbour Place
Port Moody, B.C. V3H 4J8
2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to the Housing and Civic Development Committee.

R E P O R T

1.0 BACKGROUND

Appearing on the agenda of tonight's regular Council Meeting is a letter from Mr. Jack Robertson of the Centennial Lions Club. In their letter, the Lions Club expresses an interest in sponsoring a housing project for low income families, seniors and the disabled who live in Burnaby. In a phone conversation with staff, Mr. Robertson stated that the club is interested in developing a project with funding under the Non-Profit Rental Housing Program on Municipally owned land in the Brentwood area.

2.0 PAST COMMUNICATION WITH THE CENTENNIAL LIONS CLUB


Planning & Building Inspection Department staff have received similar requests from many other non-profit societies. In late 1989, staff were contacted by Mr. Robertson on behalf of the Lions Club, who expressed interest in acquiring municipally owned land for the development of housing for seniors under the Non-Profit Rental Housing Program. At that time, Mr. Robertson was advised that staff was in the process of working with the Housing Committee (now Housing and Civic Development Committee) and Council in developing a policy with respect to making municipally owned land available for the development of non-profit housing.

Until this policy is developed, staff requested Mr. Robertson to submit a letter expressing interest in acquiring municipally owned land, to be placed on a file that contains similar expressions of interests from other non-profit groups. To date, letters expressing interest have been received from the Greater Vancouver Housing Corporation and the Hastings Housing Society, and a meeting was held with representatives from the International Woodworkers Association. With the receipt of their letter on November 2, the Centennial Lions Club will be contacted upon completion of the Housing and Civic Development Committee work.

In this respect, staff is proceeding on the policy work on municipal land described above. At its meeting scheduled for 1990 January 23, the Housing and Civic Development Committee will consider a report discussing a proposed procedure to select sponsors for the development of non-profit housing on municipally owned land. Subsequent reports will identify potential municipal sites for the development of non-profit housing.

3.0 CONCLUSION

The Planning & Building Inspection Department will keep the Centennial Lions Club, as well as other non-profit societies that have expressed an interest, informed of progress made with respect to the housing policy work described above. Staff would also be willing to meet with representatives of the Lions Club to identify non-municipally owned sites that would be appropriate for the development of non-profit rental housing if they are interested in pursuing all options.


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