

ITEM 1
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 52
COUNCIL MEETING 90/08/27

RE: DISCUSSION PAPER ON PUBLIC LIBRARY LEGISLATION: A PROPOSAL FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

A copy of the document Public Library Legislation, A Proposal for Public Review, is available for viewing by the public in the Municipal Clerk's Department.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Chief Librarian be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1990 AUGUST 13
FROM: CHIEF LIBRARIAN
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RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT Council endorse the Burnaby Public Library Board response to the discussion paper on Public Library Legislation: A Proposal for Public Review.

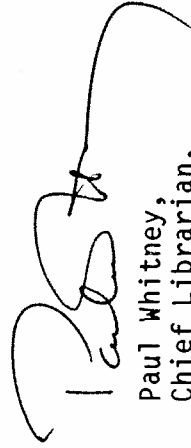
REPORT

The need for a major revision of the Library Act has long been recognized in the B.C. library community. The discussion paper, Public Library Legislation: A Proposal for Public Review, is the most recent step toward drafting reviewed legislation. This document has been written by the staff of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Culture, Library Services Branch, based on the findings of the New Approaches Task Force on Public Libraries which reported to the Minister in 1988.

The Burnaby Public Library Board made a submission to the Task Force in 1987 which was endorsed by Municipal Council. Several recommendations contained in the Burnaby submission have already been acted upon and others are contained in the discussion paper.

The Board has considered the discussion paper and has prepared a response for the Ministry (attached). The discussion paper recognizes municipal public libraries with independent, appointed boards as the ideal model for delivering library service. The Board has questioned several recommendations in the response but these are not considered to be major issues for Burnaby. The overall thrust of the discussion paper and the efforts of the Library Services Branch to update and rationalize legislation are to be encouraged.

The Library Board has approved this submission on the discussion paper and is requesting that Council endorse the submission prior to its being forwarded to the Library Services Branch.


Paul Whitney,
Chief Librarian.

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cc: Director Recreation and Cultural Services