

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY
FAMILY COURT AND YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND ALDERMEN

Re: Annual Report - 1990

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. Rene de Vos, Policy Program Analyst, Policy and Program Services Division, Ministry of Attorney General, 5th Floor, 910 Government Street, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4.

R E P O R T

The Revised Statutes of British Columbia 1979, Chapter 341, "Provincial Court Act" - Section 4 (4)(c) provides as follows:

4. (4) The Family Court Committee shall
 - (c) report annually to the municipalities involved and to the Attorney General respecting its activities during the past year.

In compliance with this statutory requirement, contained hereunder is a summary of activities of the Family Court and Youth Justice Committee from 1990 January to 1990 December inclusive.

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Victim Offender Reconciliation Program

The Burnaby Family Court and Youth Justice Committee, at its meeting held in 1990 May, adopted a motion to endorse in principle the Victim Offender Reconciliation Program (V.O.R.P) for a period of one (1) year. This decision was reached as a result of an extensive review process of V.O.R.P. including interviews and examination of V.O.R.P.'s publications and books, information seminars and presentations from V.O.R.P. representatives to the Committee.

A report was submitted to Council at the 1990 September 17 Council Meeting recommending that Council endorse in principle the Victim Offender Reconciliation Program in Burnaby for a period of one (1) year, after which time, the program would be reassessed and that copies be sent to Youth Services, R.C.M.P. Burnaby, Burnaby Probation, Ministry of Solicitor General, Ministry of Social Services, Judiciary, Provincial Court of British Columbia, David Gustafson, Co-Director, V.O.R.P.

INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION:

AGENDA - 1991 APRIL 15

COPY - MUNICIPAL MANAGER

- DIRECTOR ADMINISTRATIVE & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Willingdon Youth Detention Centre

Mr. Norman Ellis, Probation Officer of Willingdon Youth Detention Centre granted permission for the Committee to tour the detention centre. Mr. Ellis presented an overview of the juvenile system in relation to closed and open custody and then proceeded to escort the Committee through the Detention Centre.

Family Court and Youth Justice Committee Conference

Five members of the Burnaby Family Court and Youth Justice Committee attended the 1990 Family Court Committee Conference in Nelson, B.C. 1990 October 12, 13 and 14. The theme of the Conference was "Sexual Abuse - A Community Responsibility." Five workshops covered the following topics:

- 1) A Victim's Perspective
- 2) In the Courts
- 3) The Adolescent Sexual Offender
- 4) Behind Bars
- 5) Back on the Street

The Committee members departed from the conference feeling very concerned but more knowledgeable regarding the people involved in the treatment of sexual abuse.

Family Maintenance Enforcement Program

The Burnaby Family Court and Youth Justice Committee reviewed and solicited information concerning the Family Maintenance Enforcement Program. The contract for the provision of services to the program was due in 1991 March. Information expressing concern about the program was received and the Committee decided to solicit input from members of the community so that concerns could be made known to the Attorney General's office prior to the contract being renewed.

At year's end, the Committee became involved in the process of obtaining information from the public on the Family Maintenance Enforcement Program. A "Letter to the Editor" was forwarded to the Burnaby Now and Tri-City Newspapers. A copy of this news release was sent to all Family Court and Youth Justice Committee's in B.C., asking them to liaise with the Burnaby Family Court Committee on this issue. Copies were also sent to the following:

Vancouver Status of Women, Women Against Violence Against Women, North Shore Women's Centre, Poco Women's Centre, Transition House, End Legislated Poverty, Marguerite Dixon House, Community Legal Assistance, Burnaby Legal Aid, Burnaby Public Health Nurse, Burnaby Public Libraries, Daycare facilities, community centres and Committee's of Council.

Respectfully submitted,



Louise Baker,
Chair

Alderman D. Lawson,
Member