

ITEM 5  
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 54  
COUNCIL MEETING 92/08/24

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER DATE: 1992 August 19  
FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE  
SUBJECT: THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTER COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR  
DEER LAKE I.  
PURPOSE: To obtain approval to spend \$19,000 for the purchase  
of computer communications equipment.

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT Council approve a capital expenditure of \$19,000 for the purchase of equipment to establish a communications network between the Municipal Hall and Deer Lake I.

REPORT

The Burnaby Health Department recently received an increase in funding from the Ministry of Health for the purpose of hiring additional staff to provide community health services. Due to the extreme shortage of space in the Health Department it is impossible to accommodate additional staff in the West Building.

Municipal Hall space needs and a development strategy to utilize available space in Deer Lake I for municipal departments is currently the subject of discussion with the Civic Development Committee. On the basis of work done to-date it is considered reasonable to make use of presently available vacant space in Deer Lake I. This will provide limited temporary accommodation for the Health Department's immediate needs, basically on an "as is" basis, pending determination of an approved accommodation and redevelopment scheme by the Civic Development Committee. The communications equipment will continue to be of use no matter what determinations are made.

The space is on the third floor of Deer Lake I in a location that is unlikely to interfere with future adaptation of the building. The space will accommodate eighteen Health Department staff and four Infant Development workers from the West Building.

This interim use proposal is not considered to be in conflict with the intended eventual use of the building for Municipal purposes, nor will it frustrate the space planning process currently underway.

To facilitate the move of staff, a communications network between the Municipal Hall and Deer Lake I is required. The network cost is estimated at \$19,000. Funding has been provided by the Province of B.C.; approval of Council is requested to expend these funds.

  
DIRECTOR FINANCE

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cc: Acting Director Planning & Building  
Director Administrative & Community Service  
Medical Health Officer