

TO: ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING Our File: 04.310.5
SUBJECT: 1991 CENSUS FIGURES - RELATIONSHIP TO
GVRD APPORTIONMENTS AND PROVINCIAL
REVENUE SHARING GRANTS
PURPOSE: To provide Council with information on the relationship of
1991 Census figures to GVRD program cost apportionments and
Provincial Revenue Sharing Grants.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council receive this report for information purposes.

R E P O R T

1.0 BACKGROUND

At its meeting of 1992 May 4, Council received a report providing information on the initial results of the 1991 Census as related to the Municipality of Burnaby as a whole.

At that time, Council requested information as to which G.V.R.D. program cost apportionments are based on population and when new census figures are used in the calculation of these costs.

This report is provided in response to Council's request for additional information.

2.0 RELATIONSHIP OF POPULATION FIGURES TO G.V.R.D. APPORTIONMENTS

The annual apportionment of costs from the Greater Vancouver Regional District and the Greater Vancouver Regional Hospital District are related to assessed values of the member Municipalities. As such, population figures are not used in the calculation of any G.V.R.D. apportionments.

3.0 PROVINCIAL REVENUE SHARING GRANTS

The calculation of the Unconditional Grants under the Revenue Sharing Grant program administered by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Recreation and Housing has a linkage with the population of an individual municipality.

For 1992, the Province allocated \$120 million for distribution under the Unconditional Grants program. The apportionment is based upon a combination of population and assessments/expenditures, with the population variable accounting for approximately 80 percent of the weighting.

The population totals for each benefiting area of the Province is obtained from the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Affairs (Planning and Statistics Branch) and is based on the average of the population estimates for the previous three years. For example, the 1992 grant calculations for Burnaby, which were prepared prior to the release of the 1991 Census results, used the following population totals for 1991, 1990 and 1989:



<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>
1991	156,622
1990	153,787
1989	152,188

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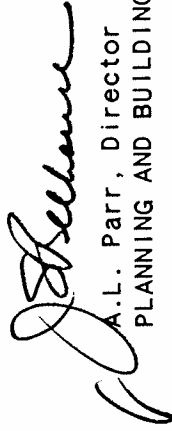
The use of the figures resulted in an averaged population total of 154,199 for Burnaby that was used in the 1992 grant calculations. The actual 1991 Census figure for the Municipality is 158,858.

For the 1993 grant calculations, the Province will use the 1991 Census total as one of the three year figures, as well as adjusted figures for 1992 and 1990.

The rationale for using a three year averaged figure is to even out the fluctuations that could occur in a municipality with either a rapidly increasing or declining population.

While on the surface it could appear that the Municipality should be entitled to a larger Unconditional Grant from the Province given that the 1991 population total was actually some 2,200 higher than estimated by the Province, it should be pointed out that the same criteria is used for all municipalities in the Province. If the grant calculations were redone to reflect the 1991 figures, then Burnaby could possibly receive a lower amount if other areas of the region and the province had grown at a proportionally faster rate than had been projected by the Province.

This report is submitted for the information of Council.


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