

TO: CITY MANAGER

December 8, 1993

FROM: MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICER

SUBJECT: BURNABY REGIONAL HEALTH PROFILE

PURPOSE: TO PROVIDE COUNCIL WITH THE BURNABY REGIONAL HEALTH PROFILE

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receive the Burnaby Regional Health Profile for information purposes.

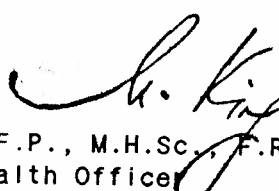
**R E P O R T**

We are proud to present the preliminary edition of the Burnaby Regional Health Profile, an evolving and growing document that will be key to the planning efforts of the new Regional Steering Committee. Careful consideration has gone into selecting a framework for the Profile that reflects the broad determinants of health and a vision for health in the City. The User's Guide to 40 Community Health Indicators, developed by the National Health Information Council, was ultimately chosen and adapted to better serve the needs of the Regional Steering Committee.

The preliminary edition of the Profile also provides a comprehensive list of suggested health indicators, and an initial set of indicators which I believe will stimulate the desire for more detailed information. It includes sections on the determinants of health (human biology, physical and social environment, lifestyle and the health care system), current health status and health care utilization, all of which are important in determining our priorities with respect to health and the provision of health care.

Several sections of the Profile are incomplete. The subsection on the Health Care System, as a determinant of health, and the section on Health Care Utilization, will both be completed by May, 1994. Additional data on income, ethnicity, mobility and industrial and occupational structure from the 1991 Census was not available from Statistics Canada at the time of printing. These will also be included in the final edition.

The preliminary edition is intended primarily as a resource for the Regional Steering Committee and for those who manage and deliver health services in the community. However, as the document is a "first of its kind" in the Province, it was suggested that it receive broader distribution, primarily to assist those who are in the process of developing similar documents in their own communities. Consequently, the document will be distributed to Regional Steering Committee Chairs and to the Ministry of Health.

  
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