

CITY OF BURNABY

FAMILY COURT AND YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS

RE: GUN CONTROL EDUCATION PROJECT

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council endorse the overall objectives of the Coalition for Gun Control without endorsing specific initiatives, and
2. THAT any requests for support on specific initiatives be dealt with on a case by case basis, and
3. THAT Council request staff to contact certain groups that may be interested in the Gun Control Education Project indicating that a request for information has been received from the Coalition and if any one is interested, contact should be made directly with the Coalition.
4. THAT copies of this report be forwarded to:

Coalition for Gun Control
1565 Fulton Avenue
West Vancouver, B.C. V7V 1S5

Community Issues and Social Planning Committee
Burnaby City Hall

Burnaby School District No. 41
5325 Kincaid Street, Burnaby, B.C. V5G 1W2

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R E P O R T

BACKGROUND:

At the regular Council Meeting held on 1993 March 08, Council received correspondence from the Coalition for Gun Control (distributed to Council under separate cover) requesting information with respect to development of education projects in the control of firearms in the community. Upon consideration of the correspondence, Council referred same to the Family Court and Youth Justice Committee (FCYJ) and the Community Issues and Social Planning Committee (CISP) for review, with the request that efforts be coordinated with School District No. 41.

At the FCYJ Committee meeting held 1993 April 07, correspondence was received from the CISP Committee advising that it had referred the matter of the Gun Control Education Project to the FCYJ Committee for its review. The FCYJ Committee subsequently reviewed the correspondence and recommended that the Committee write to the Coalition for Gun Control to obtain information on their organization. The Committee also recommended that the R.C.M.P. be contacted to determine whether they had any information on Coalition for Gun Control and if that information could be shared with the Committee. A letter was also forwarded to the Burnaby School District No. 41 advising that the Committee was corresponding with the Coalition for Gun Control and that the Burnaby School District would be informed upon receipt of information.

At the FCYJ Committee meeting held on 1993 June 02, correspondence was received from the Coalition for Gun Control in answer to the Committee's request for further information on their organization.

CONCLUSION:

Arising from discussion of the correspondence, the Committee recommends that Council endorse the overall objectives of the Coalition for Gun Control without endorsing specific initiatives and that any requests for support on specific gun control initiatives be dealt with on a case by case basis.

Rather than providing the Coalition with specific names of interested parties within the community, your Committee recommends that Council request staff to contact groups that may be interested in the Gun Control Education Project indicating that a request for information has been received from the Coalition and if the groups are interested, contact should be made directly with the Coalition.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Baker,
Chair

Councillor D. Lawson,