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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	49
COUNCIL MEETING	93/08/26

TO: CITY MANAGER

AUGUST 17, 1993

FROM: MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICER

SUBJECT: NEW POSITIONS FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

PURPOSE: TO OBTAIN COUNCIL'S AUTHORITY TO EXPEND FUNDS TO HIRE A CONTINUING CARE MANAGER AND ADDITIONAL POSITIONS IN THE CONTINUING CARE DIVISION OF THE BURNABY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

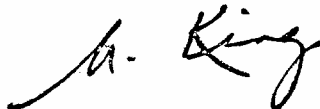
1. THAT Council approve the hiring of a Continuing Care Manager to be funded by the Ministry of Health in the amount of \$75,000.
2. THAT Council approve the hiring of a Long Term Care Case Manager and additional positions, as required, in an amount not to exceed \$162,500 as funded by the Ministry of Health.

REPORT

Annual funding has been approved by the Province to hire a Continuing Care Manager for the Health Department. Additionally, the Health Department has received confirmation that a further \$162,500 will be available on an annual basis for program enhancements in Continuing Care. Although at the present time, the Department is only wishing to hire to the above two positions, I am anticipating the creation of some additional FTEs as a result of this budget increase. Continuing Care is funded 100% by the Province.

Since the inception of the Long Term Care, Home Care and Rehabilitation programs in the late '70s, the Burnaby Health Department has had separate administrators for each division reporting to the Medical Health Officer. Almost every health unit/department in the Province is in the process of integrating these programs in order to make more effective use of existing resources and to streamline patient access to community based care services. Furthermore, additional assistance to manage these increasingly complex programs is viewed to be essential to the Department.

The program enhancement dollars are in keeping with New Directions; that is, shifting health care dollars from hospitals to the community sector. We are under increasing pressure to look after sicker people at home, either after a very short stay in hospital or in place of hospitalization. Consequently, further staff expansion in this program is going to be vital in the upcoming year.



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