

CITY OF BURNABY
FAMILY COURT AND YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS:

Re: Youth Crime - Proposed Community Forum

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council endorse the organization of a Public Forum on youth to discuss the development of youth in social communities; highlight actions or preventative measures and share information about alternative activities/programs in the community of Burnaby.
2. THAT Council appropriate a maximum of \$500.00 under the Boards and Committee's account to cover the costs associated with the Forum i.e. speaker/facilitator, advertising/promotion, facility/equipment rental.

REPORT

The Family Court and Youth Justice Committee, as part of its mandate and in response to the 1994 September 06 memorandum from Mayor Steve Wallace, Chair of the Justice and Protective Services Committee of the UBCM referred by Council, has been discussing the Proposed Amendments to Bill C-37 The Young Offenders Act.

Mr. Wallace noted that a resolution from the City of Coquitlam regarding this topic would be discussed at the UBCM Convention. The Burnaby Family Court and Youth Justice Committee believe that dealing with the end product, the youthful offender, is not necessarily the only approach to this issue. We propose a more proactive direction which focuses on prevention and early intervention.

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The Committee would like to organize a Public Forum to:

- provide information on the general development characteristics and situational patterns of youthful offenders;
- provide an opportunity for the citizens of Burnaby to generate and discuss ideas to prevent or reduce the number of youth involved in crime;
- provide an opportunity for Burnaby organizations which provide alternative programming for the target group to share information with the citizens of Burnaby.

The Public Forum would be held in February 1995. Speaker/Facilitator to be approached is Dr. Neufeld, a noted specialist in the development of disfunctional youth. The Committee recommends that the Burnaby School Board and Burnaby Family Life Institute be approached to co-sponsor the Forum. These organizations provide a large distribution network for contacting appropriate community organizations and general participants.

The Burnaby Family Court and Youth Justice Committee therefore submits this report to Council for endorsement.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Baker
Chair

Councillor C. Redman
Member