

CITY OF BURNABY

COMMUNITY ISSUES AND SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS

RE: ALLOCATION OF SPACE AT THE BURNABY HEIGHTS
COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council authorize the allocation of space to the Burnaby Multicultural Society and the Voices for Survivors Support Society as outlined in Section 4.0 of this report.
2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to the applicants and that staff be authorized to make the appropriate arrangements for the lease of the rooms.

R E P O R T

The Community Issues and Social Planning Committee, at its meeting held on 1994 January 26 received and adopted the attached staff report recommending allocation of space at the Burnaby Heights Centre.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor J. Young
Acting Chair

: COPY - CITY MANAGER
- DIRECTOR FINANCE
- DIR. PLNG. AND BLDG.
- DIR. REC. & CULT. SERV.

Councillor C. Redman
Member

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
COMMUNITY ISSUES &
SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

1994 JANUARY 07
OUR FILE: 10.121

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING

SUBJECT: ALLOCATION OF SPACE AT THE BURNABY
HEIGHTS COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

PURPOSE: To recommend the allocation of space at the Burnaby Heights centre.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council authorize the allocation of space to the Burnaby Multicultural Society and the Voices for Survivors Support Society as outlined in Section 4.0 of this report.
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to the applicants and that staff be authorized to make the appropriate arrangements for the lease of the rooms.

REPORT

1.0 INTRODUCTION

In 1990 July, Council authorized the Community Issues & Social Planning to provide recommendations regarding the allocation of space at the Burnaby Heights community resource centre.

Council also approved guidelines for the allocation of space to non-profit community service/interest groups which reflect or further City objectives in the areas of livability, individual and/or family health and welfare.

This report presents a proposal for the allocation of two rooms at the Burnaby Heights centre.

2.0 AVAILABLE SPACE

At this time, rooms 27A and 29 are available for re-allocation at the Burnaby Height centre.

Room 27A is located on the second floor and is 391 square feet in area. The room had previously been occupied by the B.C. Conservatory of Music.

Room 29 is also located on the second floor and is 768 square feet in area. The room had previously been occupied by the Parks and Recreation Department, and used as a site office for the construction of the Eileen Dailly Leisure Pool.

3.0 REQUEST FOR SPACE

To date, staff have received the following four requests for space.

- Burnaby Multicultural Society - Rooms 27A and 29
- Voices for Survivors Support Society - Room 27A
- Fibromyalgia Association of B.C. - Room 27A
- Burnaby School District - Adult & Continuing Education - Rooms 27A and 29

The Burnaby Multicultural Society proposes to use the space for the delivery of immigrant settlement and adaptation services in Burnaby. The Society has submitted an application for funding of these services to the Federal and Provincial governments. The Society's need for the additional space is dependent on receiving the requested funding for the services.

The Voices for Survivors Support Society is seeking office/meeting space for the operation of the Society. The Society provides support and information to adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse following a self-help approach. Current activities of the Society include public education, self-help support groups and a quarterly newsletter. The Society also recently received Provincial funding for a research project related to the recovery process of survivors of childhood sexual abuse.

The Fibromyalgia Association of B.C. is seeking space for office administration and meetings. The Association is a support group of the Arthritis Society of B.C. The purpose of the Association is to educate, support and advocate for people with Fibromyalgia. Fibromyalgia (FM) is a chronic, rheumatic syndrome involving diffuse musculoskeletal pain, fatigue, temporo-mandibular joint problems and other various symptoms.

The Burnaby School District - Adult Education is seeking additional space at Burnaby Heights for an expansion of current ESL programs for the adult ethnic community. The expanded programs would include employment oriented training and academic entry level language programs.

The Burnaby Multicultural Society currently leases 1,348 square feet of space at Burnaby Heights. The Voices for Survivors Support Society operates its services from commercial space in Vancouver. At present, the Fibromyalgia Association of B.C. does not have permanent office/meeting space. The Burnaby School District currently leases 3,168 square feet of space at Burnaby Heights.

4.0 REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

The four organizations applying for space at Burnaby Heights meet the guidelines adopted by Council for the allocation of space at community resource centres.

At this time, it is not possible to accommodate all four requests for space. Staff have discussed the availability of space at Burnaby Heights with each group, and advised of the potential availability of additional space at the new Edmonds North Wing community resource centre which is expected to open in 1994 spring.

The following discussion outlines a proposal for the allocation of the two rooms:

Allocation of Room 29

Both the Burnaby Multicultural Society and the Burnaby School District have applied for room 29. Based on the allocation guidelines, space at Burnaby Heights is primarily intended for non-profit community based groups as opposed to statutory agencies. As such, it is proposed that room 29 be allocated to the Burnaby Multicultural Society for use in the establishment of its immigrant settlement and adaptation services should Federal and Provincial funding be received. The Society expects to receive notification of funding approvals in 1994 February.

Should the Burnaby Multicultural Society not receive the requested funding for its proposed settlement services programs, staff would propose that the School District designated as the alternate group to receive this space.

Allocation of Room 27A

All four groups have applied for room 27A. Again, based on the allocation guidelines, a non-profit community groups should be selected for the space. It is proposed that this room be allocated to the Voices for Survivors Support Society. The Society would compliment the existing services offered by the Burnaby Family Life Institute and B.C. Parents in Crisis at the centre.

Planning and Building

*Re: Allocation of Space at the Burnaby
Heights Community Resource Centre
1994 January 07 Page 4*

Further, staff are also concerned that the clients and volunteers of the Fibromyalgia Association of B.C. would not find the space at Burnaby Heights suitable given that it is not accessible for persons with disabilities. Currently, the building lacks an entrance ramp, accessible washrooms and elevator service to the second floor.

Under this proposal, the requests of the Fibromyalgia Association of B.C. and the Burnaby School District can not be accommodated. Both groups have been advised that their applications for space will be reconsidered for Edmonds North Wing and at Burnaby Heights should further space become available.

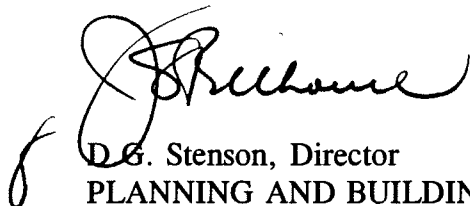
Consistent with City policy, the lease cost will be set a \$8.77 per square foot for 1994. The Voices for Survivors Support Society has indicated that it will not require a lease grant for the space. At this time, the Burnaby Multicultural Society has not indicated whether it will be applying for a lease grant for this new space.

5.0 NOTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

Based on this review of applications, it is proposed that room 29 be allocated to the Burnaby Multicultural Society and that room 27A be allocated to the Voices for Survivors Support Society.

It is also proposed that a copy of this report be sent to the applicants and that staff be authorized to make the appropriate arrangements for the lease of the rooms.

As additional applications for space are received, staff will prepare the necessary report for review by the Community Issues & Social Planning Committee.


D.G. Stenson, Director
PLANNING AND BUILDING

LP\db

cc: Director Finance
Director Recreation & Cultural Services
(Attn.: Custodial Staff - Burnaby Heights)

