

COMMUNITY ISSUES AND SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS

RE: EDMONDS AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council concur with the actions identified in Section 2.0 of the attached report and that the Edmonds Area Advisory Committee be so advised.

REPORT

The Community Issues and Social Planning Committee, at its meeting held on 1996 January 24 received and adopted the attached report providing information on the priority recommendations addressed to the Community Issues and Social Planning Committee from the Edmonds Area Committee's Implementation Program.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair

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TO: COMMUNITY ISSUES & SOCIAL
PLANNING COMMITTEE

1996 JANUARY 11

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

OUR FILE:

SUBJECT: EDMONDS AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

PURPOSE: To provide information on the priority recommendations addressed to the Community Issues & Social Planning Committee from the Edmonds Area Committee's Implementation Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Committee agree to pursue the actions identified in Section 2.0 of this report and that the Edmonds Area Advisory Committee be so advised.

REPORT

1.0 INTRODUCTION

At its meeting of 1995 November 22, the Community Issues & Social Planning Committee (CISPC) received a memo from the City Clerk concerning implementation of the Edmonds Town Centre Plan. The memo indicated that Council had endorsed the proposed implementation program as put forward by the Edmonds Area Advisory Committee. It also highlighted five recommendations from the program for the CISPC's attention.

A preliminary discussion of the recommendations occurred at the November CISPC meeting. This report provides additional information and suggests follow-up actions on the recommendations for the Committee's consideration.

2.0 DISCUSSION

The five recommendations directed to the CISPC, the current status of the recommendations, and suggested future actions are summarized below.

RECOMMENDATION	CURRENT STATUS	SUGGESTED ACTIONS
#5: THAT the Community Issues & Social Planning Committee be requested to send a letter to agencies providing education on criminal/ gang issues to thank them for addressing this important issue; to urge them to coordinate their efforts; to offer to assist in publicizing their educational effort; and to request that they monitor the criminal/ gang situation in Edmonds and make plans for improvement as required.	Several groups are providing information to Edmonds-area youth about the pitfalls of criminal and gang activity, including RCMP School Liaison Officers, School District Youth Services Workers, APEX program workers, Health Department Community Health Nurses, and staff and volunteers with the Edmonds Youth Resources Centre.	In accordance with the recommendation from the Edmonds Area Advisory Committee, it is proposed that a letter from the Chairperson of the CISPC be sent to the subject agencies.

RECOMMENDATION	CURRENT STATUS	SUGGESTED ACTIONS
<p>#6: THAT the Community Issues & Social Planning Committee request the Regional Health Board to monitor the operation of the Burnaby Youth Clinic and assess the need for a similar clinic in the Edmonds area.</p>	<p>The Burnaby Youth Clinic was established in the Burnaby Heights Community Resource Centre in August 1995. A report appearing elsewhere on the CISPC's agenda indicates that a formal evaluation of the clinic will be completed this month. That report also concludes that, as the Burnaby Youth Clinic has only recently begun operation, it would be too early to assess the need for a similar clinic in the Edmonds area. The Health Department expressed its willingness to conduct such an assessment at a future date, however.</p>	<p>Ask the Regional Health Board to include, in its 1997 work plan, an assessment of the need for an operation similar to the Burnaby Youth Clinic in the Edmonds area.</p>
<p># 7: THAT the Community Issues & Social Planning Committee, in conjunction with the Parks & Recreation Commission, be asked to review alternate models or processes for obtaining youth views on planning for the Edmonds area, such as youth advisory council, youth forums or other options.</p>	<p>The Parks & Recreation Department, in consultation with other City departments, is developing a Civic Youth Strategy for Burnaby. This Strategy will address the issue of consultation with youth on planning matters. The CISPC will receive progress reports as the Strategy is being developed.</p>	<p>Await completion of the Civic Youth Strategy, determining any necessary further action at that time.</p>
<p>#8: THAT the Community Issues & Social Planning Committee be requested to give consideration to a broadened social services mix at the Edmonds North Wing Community Resource Centre that meets local needs when lease space becomes available.</p>	<p>A diverse mix of social service agencies currently exist in the Edmonds Community Resource Centre. While the services are generally targeted to a Burnaby-wide clientele, they are available and relevant to Edmonds area residents (e.g., child care services, Burnaby Family Life programming). Also, in 1995, Edmonds Elementary School became a community school and established an Adult Learning Centre. Through these changes, the school is in a better position to help in addressing the Edmonds community's social needs than it had been in the past.</p>	<p>Take the Edmonds Area Advisory Committee's recommendation under advisement.</p>

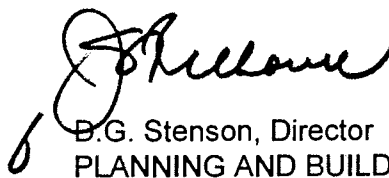
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#12: THAT the Parks & Recreation Commission, in consultation with the Community Issues & Social Planning Committee and other bodies, explore the possibility of developing a youth center for the Edmonds area.	Youth centres and dedicated social space for young people are key components of the recently adopted Parks & Recreation Youth Services Model.	Express support to the Commission on its initiatives and offer any assistance that may be required in the Commission's future youth facility or program planning.

3.0 CONCLUSION

This report has reviewed the five recommendations from the Edmonds Area Advisory Committee which were directed to the CISPC. The recommendations appear reasonable and achievable, involving the following actions by the CISPC:

- ▶ sending a letter of support to agencies providing information on criminal and gang activities in the Edmonds area
- ▶ asking the Regional Health Board to assess the need for a youth clinic for Edmonds at a future date
- ▶ awaiting completion of the Civic Youth Strategy before determining what, if any, further action is needed on the issue of youth involvement in planning
- ▶ taking the Edmonds Area Advisory Committee's recommendations regarding a broadened agency mix at the Edmonds North Wing Community Resource Centre under advisement
- ▶ offering assistance to the Parks & Recreation Commission in its youth facility planning.

It is recommended that the CISPC agree to pursue the above actions and notify the Edmonds Area Advisory Committee accordingly.


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