

CITY OF BURNABY

FAMILY COURT AND YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS

Re: Strategic Reforms of British Columbia's Justice System

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council forward a letter to the Attorney General of B.C. applauding efforts to reform the justice system and urging the ministry to focus on reforms that ensure offenders are held accountable for their actions and ensure victim's voices are heard in the criminal process.
2. **THAT** Council request the Attorney General to consider participating with Burnaby to develop local programs that hold offenders accountable for their behaviour through individually developed plans that address the interests of the victim, the community and the offender.

REPORT

The Family Court and Youth Justice Committee, at its meeting held on 1997 September 03, received a letter from the Attorney General of B.C. providing a copy of a report entitled "Strategic Reforms of British Columbia's Justice System". The report described the goals, strategies and specific initiatives to be carried out to improve the delivery of criminal, civil and family justice services and to administer the justice system of British Columbia. A copy of the report is provided under separate cover.

Arising from discussion, the Committee requested that a letter be forwarded to the Attorney General of B.C. applauding efforts to reform the justice system and urging the ministry to focus on reforms that ensure offenders are held responsible for their actions and ensure victim's voices are heard in the criminal process. The Committee further requested that the Attorney General be asked to consider participating with Burnaby to develop local programs that hold offenders accountable for their behaviour through individually developed plans that address the interests of the victim, the community and the offender.

Accordingly, the Committee submits the abovenoted recommendations for endorsement by Council.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Chair

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