

CITY OF BURNABY

FAMILY COURT AND YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

RE: BULLYING SYMPOSIUM

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council approve a one day symposium to discuss strategies to prevent bullying to be held on Saturday, 2001 March 10 at Burnaby Lake Pavilion.
2. **THAT** Council approve funding up to \$8,100 from stabilization reserve to cover costs associated with the symposium on bullying.

REPORT

BACKGROUND

The Family Court and Youth Justice Committee and Burnaby School District No. 41 co-hosted a community forum on bullying at the Michael J. Fox Theatre on Thursday, 2000 October 19. Close to 200 people attended this very successful event. The keynote speakers, Dr. Debra Pepler, professor of psychology at York University, and David Moore and John McDonald, Transformative Justice Australia, discussed the dynamics of bullying and strategies to prevent it.

The Committee subsequently forwarded a report to Council on 2000 November 20 summarizing results of the community forum. Arising from discussion, Council authorized the Committee to make plans for a one day symposium to discuss options and strategies available to the community to address this issue.

CURRENT PROPOSAL

The Committee proposes to hold the symposium at Burnaby Lake Pavilion on Saturday, 2001 March 10 to develop a community based strategy for the City of Burnaby. The Committee is inviting a panel of individuals (education, police, conflict resolution mediators, youth parenting program managers) who work with youth in our City to describe the parameters of their mandate and the environment in which they work. In addition, various models of diversion, reparation and prevention will be discussed.

CC: -CITY MANAGER -DIRECTOR FINANCE
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Approximately 200 people are expected to attend the symposium. Those in attendance will form small break out groups with the various panel members to discuss and make recommendations to a plenary session of the symposium. A report outlining the conclusions and final recommendations of the symposium will be forwarded to the participants and Council for consideration.

The Family Court and Youth Justice Committee is requesting that Council approve funding up to \$8,100 from stabilization reserve to cover the cost of equipment rental, signage, advertising and lunch as well as the fee for the services of a moderator and facilitator. As previously approved by Council, the Committee is continuing to seek corporate as well as provincial and federal government funding to minimize the cost of the symposium to the City.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Alison Joe,
CHAIR

Dr. Stanley Jung,
VICE CHAIR

Councillor Nancy Harris,
MEMBER