

COMMUNITY ISSUES AND SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

RE: COOPERATIVE PROCEDURES FOR RESPONDING TO CHILD ABUSE
AND NEGLECT

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council approve the expenditure of up to \$450 for informational workshops to review the procedures for responding to Child Abuse and Neglect.

REPORT

The Community Issues and Social Planning Committee, at its meeting held on 2000 November 22 was informed that the Child Care Resources Group, a subcommittee of the Community Issues and Social Planning Committee, has developed draft procedures for responding to allegations of child abuse in child care settings. The document has gone through many drafts and the Child Care Resources Group is now ready to distribute it to people in the child care field. As a way to review the document, the Resources Group would like to host workshops to disseminate the information as well as receive feedback. The Child Care Resource Group is requesting permission to sponsor informational workshops on 2001 March 27 and 29. The workshops will be held at the Schou Education Centre and targeted to child care providers from Burnaby. It is anticipated 150 - 200 will attend the sessions.

The Community Issues and Social Planning Committee feels that the document entitled "Cooperative Procedures for Responding to Child Abuse and Neglect" is a valuable resource tool and supports the initiative to hold the above-noted workshops.

The cost of distributing invitations to the workshops and printing resource materials is estimated to be \$450. The School District is waiving the fees for rental of Schou Education Centre for the event

It is recommended that Council authorize the expenditure of up to \$450 for the informational workshops with the funds to be drawn from the Council Boards, Committees and Commission account.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D. Johnston
Chair

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Councillor N. Harris
Vice Chair