

CITY OF BURNABY

FAMILY COURT AND YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

COPY: - CITY MANAGER
- DIR. PLNG. & BLDG.

RE: ANNUAL REPORT - 2001

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to the Office of the Attorney General, Room 232, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4.

REPORT

The Revised Statutes of British Columbia 1979, Chapter 341, "*Provincial Court Act*" - Section 4(4)(c) provides as follows:

4. (4)(c) The Family Court Committee shall report annually to the municipalities and to the Attorney General respecting their activities during the past year.

In compliance with this statutory requirement, contained hereunder is a summary of activities of the Family Court and Youth Justice Committee during 2001.

SYMPOSIUM

In March 2001, the Family Court and Youth Justice Committee hosted a symposium at Burnaby Lake Pavilion to discuss the dynamics of bullying and community based strategies to prevent it. The concept of restorative justice as an appropriate process for addressing bullying surfaced a number of types at the symposium. As a result, Council authorized the Family Court and Youth Justice Committee to broaden the scope of future community meetings on bullying prevention to include discussion about the desirability and feasibility of establishing a community based restorative justice program in Burnaby.

2001 PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE OF FAMILY COURT AND YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEES

Members of the Family Court and Youth Justice Committee attended the 2001 Provincial Conference of Family Court and Youth Justice Committees in Vancouver on 2001 April 28. The theme for the Conference was "Youth Justice - What will it mean in the 21st Century?" The Conference focused on three main areas: youth justice legislation, the operations of Family Court Committees and the sexual exploitation of youth. It was an excellent opportunity for Committees across the province to network and discuss alternative methods of dealing with issues facing youth.

CHILD AND YOUTH PROSTITUTION

The Family Court and Youth Justice Committee is represented on the joint City of Burnaby/New Westminister Task Force addressing the sexual exploitation of children and youth. In 2001, the Task Force sponsored a one day youth forum for youth, which focused on resources available to youth, youth health issues, and preventing recruitment into the sex trade. The forum was attended by over 80 youth from Burnaby and New Westminister. The Task Force was also instrumental in 2001 in assisting the City of Burnaby to develop a new bylaw to regulate types of businesses which are often fronts for prostitution. As a result of the bylaw, people under the age of 19 years cannot frequent or be employed in massage and body rub parlours, escort agencies, and other such businesses.

Respectfully submitted

Donna MacLean
Chair

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Vice Chair

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Member