

2003 JUNE 19

TO: CITY MANAGER

FROM: DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: 2003/2004 COMMUNITY SCHOOL GRANT

PURPOSE: To request Council's authorization for the execution of an agreement with the Burnaby School District for the support and operation of seven Community Schools.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT authorization be given for the execution of an agreement with the Burnaby School District for the support and operation of seven Community Schools.

REPORT

At its meeting of 2003 June 18, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission received the above noted report and adopted the two recommendations contained therein.



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DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION
AND CULTURAL SERVICES

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cc: Director Finance
City Solicitor

SUBJECT: 2003/2004 COMMUNITY SCHOOL GRANT

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT approval be given for the expenditure of \$341,370 as the City's share of the funds for seven Community Schools.
2. THAT Council authorize the execution of an agreement with the Burnaby School District for the support and operation of seven Community Schools.

REPORT

At its 2003 May 29th meeting, the District Community School Advisory and Coordinating Committee (DCSACC), that consists of representatives from each of the seven community schools, two School Trustees, one Commission member and one council member approved the 2003/2004 Community School budget and requested that the School District and the City of Burnaby provide the funds for the continued operation of Community Schools during the 2003/2004 school year.

Appearing as correspondence on this agenda is a letter from the School District outlining the Community Schools' operating budget and the sources of funding for the year.

In addition to annual operating funds received by the City, the School District and the Ministry of Children and Family Development, each community school holds fundraising events, applies for one time grants, and receives donations. These additional funds are used to support the wide range of activities that staff and parents provide for the children of the school. Funding sources in the past have included private donations, the federal government, community groups, foundations as well as service clubs and the business community. In 1999 funds raised through these sources amounted to over \$ 700,000. These efforts continue every year to supplement operating budgets.

The Ministry of Children and Family Development is reducing the funding level to the Burnaby School District for school based services including community schools, inner city education programs, school meals and youth and family support programs. In 2003 the reduction in funding for the above mentioned services will be \$266,000, with a further reduction of \$ 262,000 in 2004.

The School District will be reviewing the impact of the Ministry for Children & Family Development funding reduction and developing a plan to address the issue. The immediate plan is to minimize the impact for this first year, and implement a process to review all programs and identify possible alternate sources of funding for the future. The proposed budget indicates a 2.5% wage increase which was the result of the past contract negotiation, otherwise the budget is status quo. In addition to minimizing impacts for the first year, DCSACC will also be developing an evaluation process of their goals and recording the measures or indicators of success. This evaluation process will meet both the request of Ministry of Children and Family Development and complete a commitment contained in the "Moving Forward Together" document, The Strategic Plan for Burnaby Community Schools.

Members of the District Community School Advisory and Coordinating Committee will actively participate in the evaluation process of community school goals. The goals, identified in the Strategic Plan, include encouraging community residents to become involved in community activities, strengthening communications within the community and facilitating coordination and cooperation among agencies and organizations in the delivery of community services. Measurements that demonstrate the depth and breadth of the accomplishments in each of these goals will not only prove the value of Burnaby's seven community schools but may assist in future funding.

CONCLUSION

Commission is requested to approve the expenditure of \$ 341,370 as the City's share of funds to operate Burnaby's seven community school. This is a 2.5% increase over last year's funding and is included in the 2003 Annual Budget.

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cc. Director Finance
City Solicitor

