

REPORT
2004 OCTOBER 04

CITY OF BURNABY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS

RE: B.C. NURSES' UNION (BCNU) PATIENT BILL OF RIGHTS

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council adopt the attached resolution supporting the B.C. Nurses' Union Patient Bill of Rights.

R E P O R T

Council, at the 'Open' Council Meeting held on 2003 June 14, received a presentation from Ms. Kathy Bonitz and Ms. Melanie Leckovic requesting endorsement of a resolution supporting the BCNU Patient Bill of Rights. This document proposes significant improvements to the health care system. Suggested improvements fall under the following headings: Access to Hospital Services; Access to Community Services; Access to Senior's Care and Access to Information. Arising from discussion, Council referred the BCNU request to the Executive Committee of Council for consideration.

The Executive Committee of Council, at its 'Open' meeting held on 2004 September 27, received and adopted the attached resolution supporting the nurses Patient Bill of Rights and urging the provincial and federal governments to work with the public, the City of Burnaby, and health care providers to develop an implementation plan to improve the health care system in B.C.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor N. Volkow,
Chair

CC: -CITY MANAGER
-DIRECTOR PLNG & BLDG

Councillor D.G. Evans,
Member

Councillor C. Redman,
Member

Whereas the Registered Nurses and Registered Psychiatric Nurses in British Columbia have publicly stated their commitment to provide the best possible health care possible and;

Whereas they have also stated publicly their responsibility to advocate for British Columbians when they see their health care needs are not being met and;

Whereas nurses are reaching out to the public and asking them to speak out in support of the right to safe, high quality health care that is effective, publicly funded and administered, consistent with the Canada Health Act and;

Whereas BC's nurses have brought forward a Patient's Bill of Rights to set a framework for improvements to our health care system so that all British Columbians can receive timely access to appropriate care and;

Whereas this document acknowledges that funding needs to be

increased at both the federal and provincial level in order to provide better health care and calls for an open consultative process

Therefore be it Resolved that

the BURNABY CITY COUNCIL
endorse the nurses Patient's Bill of Rights and;

Be it Further Resolved that

the BURNABY CITY COUNCIL
support the call for our provincial and federal representatives to work with the public, our community and health care providers in a consultative process, in order to develop an implementation plan which will improve the health care in our community and our province over the next five years and;

Be it Finally Resolved that

the BURNABY CITY COUNCIL will
send a message to our provincial MLA and the BC Health Minister Colin Hansen to inform him that we support BC's nurses' in their call for all British Columbians to claim their right to safe, high quality, and in their request for a collaboratively developed implementation plan which is designed to protect and improve our health care system.