

FAMILY DIVISION COMMITTEE

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MINUTES

February 16th, 1978

The 25th meeting of the "School District No. 43 Joint Family Division Committee" was held, following dinner, at the PoCo Valley Golf and Country Club, 531 Dominion Avenue, Port Coquitlam, B.C. on Thursday, February 16th, 1978 at 8:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Chairman: Alderman B.T.H. Robinson (Coquitlam)
- Coquitlam: S. Nicol  
A. Emerson  
M. Bouliane  
K. Gillies
- Port Coquitlam: Alderman L.M. Traboulay  
D. Ross  
J. Cathie
- Port Moody: S. Francis
- Also Present: B. Roest  
R. Fleck  
J. Maddalozzo  
M.K. Warwick, Secretary

The Chairman called the meeting to order and extended a welcome to Mrs. Margaret Warwick, City of Port Coquitlam, who will serve as Secretary to the Committee for 1978.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Moved by D. Ross:

Seconded by S. Francis:

That the Minutes of the regular meeting of October 26th, 1977 be taken as read and adopted.

Carried.

1977 ANNUAL REPORT:

Moved by S. Francis:

Seconded by D. Ross:

That the 1977 Annual Report of the School District No. 43 Joint Family Division Committee be accepted as circulated.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

From Mr. J.P. Maddalozzo, Director, Kincaid Treatment Resource Centre, January 24th, 1978, with respect to the

Psychologist position at the Port Coquitlam Mental Health Centre, advising that there was a strong possibility that the position would not be filled once vacated and requesting the support of the Family Division Committee in requesting that a replacement be appointed. In speaking to his letter, Mr. Maddalozzo advised that it has now been confirmed that the decision has been made not to fill the position and briefly outlined his concern that it was not only the Kincaid Centre that would suffer, but the School District and community as a whole, as there would be no qualified personnel available to carry out testing or the interpretation of test results. Ms. Ross concurred with this observation and stated that the schools (specifically referring to George Parkes Jr. Secondary School) relied on consultations with, and testing by, the psychologist and in the past this had resulted in keeping some potential drop-outs in the school system. Following a further discussion, the general consensus was that the service provided by the psychologist to individuals and agencies within the community was invaluable, and every effort should be made to have the decision reversed.

Moved by Alderman Traboulay:

Seconded by S. Nicol:

That the Aldermen on the Committee bring the matter of the decision to not fill the vacant position of staff Psychologist at the Port Coquitlam Mental Health Centre to the next meeting of their respective Councils;

AND THAT the Family Division Committee communicate with the Minister of Health in support of the vacancy being filled.

Carried.

From the British Columbia Council for the Family , Family Month Committee, January 6th, 1978 with respect to the designation of May 1978 as Family Month in the Province.

Moved by S. Nicol:

Seconded by Alderman Traboulay:

That the January 6th, 1978 letter from the British Columbia Council for the Family, Family Month Committee, concerning the designation of May 1978 as Family Month, be received;

AND THAT a letter be sent advising of the Committee's support of the concept.

Carried.

ELECTIONS:

Nominations were called for the position of Chairman of the Joint Family Division Committee for 1978 and Alderman Brian Robinson of Coquitlam was re-elected to the position by acclamation. Alderman Robinson then called for nominations for the position of

of Deputy Chairman and Mrs. Sheila Francis was elected by acclamation.

NEW BUSINESS:

From the City of Port Moody, February 8th, 1978 concerning a request for financial support from the Greater Coquitlam Volunteer Bureau and asking for a recommendation from the Family Division Committee in this regard. A brief discussion ensued during which Alderman Robinson commented that the District of Coquitlam's policy was that any United Way agency was not considered as a grant recipient and noted that as the Bureau was attempting to become such an agency, it was unlikely that a Grant would be paid by Coquitlam. Alderman Traboulay advised of the City of Port Coquitlam's 'no grant' policy that has been in effect for a number of years and therefore no grant would be forthcoming from the City. It was generally agreed that the Committee had insufficient information as to the operation and function of the Bureau and would therefore invite representatives of the Bureau to make a presentation to the Committee at their next meeting, following which, a reply would be made to the City of Port Moody.

It was agreed that the Secretary should forward the usual letters requesting the approval of the three Municipal Councils of the \$800. Budget allocation (based on the Simon Fraser Health Unit Formula) to enable the Committee to carry on its operations.

Ms. Roest provided additional information regarding the Containment Centres discussed at the last meeting of the Committee and advised that at the Willingdon Centre 12 of the 20 beds were in use, while at Centre Creek, 11 of the 30 beds had been assigned and further that remand facilities were still extremely overcrowded. A brief discussion of the criteria of the Containment Centre programme ensued.

Ms. Roest advised that the 'Children in Crisis Programme' is now operational and involves a Committee of representatives from various government agencies working together at the local, regional and/or provincial level, using a team approach to try and solve problems that cannot be resolved at the individual agency level.

Mrs. Francis enquired as to the status of the item raised at the last meeting concerning the release of handicapped persons into the community. No information was available and it was agreed to have a further report for the next meeting.

Moved by D. Ross:

Seconded by S. Francis:

That a letter of appreciation for past services to the Committee be forwarded to Mr. Ted Klassen, Clerk of the District of Coquitlam;

AND THAT an Honorarium in the amount of \$100.00 be paid to Mr. Klassen in gratitude for his service.

Carried.

A brief discussion ensued as to the scheduling of future meetings and it was agreed that the Second Wednesday of the month was most suitable. The next meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, Port Coquitlam City Hall, 2272 McAllister Avenue, Port Coquitlam, B.C. at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 12th, 1978.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by A. Emerson:


Seconded by Alderman Traboulay:

That this meeting do now adjourn.

Carried.

At 8:55 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

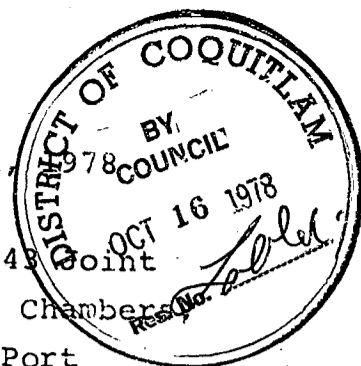
  
Chairman

  
Secretary

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MINUTES

April 12th,



The 26th Meeting of the "School District No. 43 Joint Family Division Committee" was held in the Council Chambers Port Coquitlam City Hall, 2272 McAllister Avenue, Port Coquitlam, B.C. on Wednesday, April 12th, 1978 at 7:30 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chairman: Alderman B.T.H. Robinson (Coquitlam)  
Coquitlam: D. Kenmuir  
K. Gillies  
Port Coquitlam: Alderman L.M. Traboulay  
D. Ross  
J. Cathie  
Also Present:  
B. Roest  
R. Fleck  
J. Maddalozzo  
W. Mudge  
P. Mossop, Greater Coq. Volunteer Bureau  
Dr. D. Patterson, Simon Fraser Health Unit  
M.K. Warwick, Secretary

The Chairman called the meeting to order and extended a welcome to Ms. Paulette Mossop, Co-ordinator of the Greater Coquitlam Volunteer Bureau, who was in attendance to make a presentation concerning the Bureau, and also to Dr. Douglas Patterson, Assistant Medical Health Officer, Simon Fraser Health Unit.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Moved by D. Kenmuir:

Seconded by Alderman Traboulay:

That the Minutes of the regular meeting of February 16th, 1978 be taken as read and adopted.

Carried.

Ms. Paulette Mossop, Co-ordinator of the Greater Coquitlam Volunteer Bureau was invited to address the Committee. Ms. Mossop then gave a slide presentation on the activities of the Bureau and the type of services it can provide - assistance to the young and the elderly, in hospitals, at home, in the community, writing a letter or providing emergency transportation, generally helping in any way possible - from one or two hours a month to twenty or more hours per week. Following the slide presentation, Ms. Mossop outlined the present financial state of the Bureau and indicated that the lack of available funding prohibited her providing the degree of services required. Approximately \$9,500. is provided by

the Ministry of Human Resources and United Good Neighbour Fund for her part-time salary (17 hours per week) and all operating expenses and is anticipated that it will be 1980 before the Bureau will qualify as a United Way agency and receive funding from them. However, in the meantime, additional funds are required to secure a more accessible office location and to increase the Co-ordinator's position to full-time. It was indicated that the present office location at the Coquitlam S.H.A.R.E. Office on King Edward Avenue is difficult for volunteers to reach by bus at night or in inclement weather, thus discouraging many from participating in the programme. A brief discussion ensued as to the policies of the three Municipal Councils in School District No. 43 with respect to issuing Grants and it was noted that when Ms. Mossop recently addressed the District of Coquitlam Municipal Council, it was agreed that as the Bureau provided a District #43-wide service, they were not prepared to make a grant allocation until the opinions of Port Moody and Port Coquitlam Councils had been obtained. Alderman Traboulay reiterated Port Coquitlam's 'no Grants' policy and it was further pointed out that Ms Mossop had been asked to attend this meeting in response to a request for a Committee recommendation on the subject of funding from the City of Port Moody.

Moved by Alderman Traboulay:

Seconded by D. Ross:

That the School District No. 43 Joint Family Division Committee make a donation of \$100.00 to the Greater Coquitlam Volunteer Bureau.

Carried.

Prior to passage of the foregoing resolution, there was considerable discussion of the funding problems of the Bureau and the costs involved in renting suitable space and the provisions for staff. A suggestion was made that a Public Library would be an ideal location for such an office due to the usually central location, accessibility to the public, and the hours of operation and Ms. Mossop agreed to approach the various Library Boards in this regard. It was also suggested that there might be space available in a school, however, accessibility to public transportation may be a problem.

It was generally agreed that the Family Division Committee felt the Bureau to be a worthwhile organization and they were prepared to support Ms. Mossop in her search for new premises, and additional funding.

Moved by Alderman Traboulay:

Seconded by K. Gillies:

The the Secretary of the School District No. 43 Joint Family Division Committee be directed to write to the Municipal Councils of the District of Coquitlam, the City of Port Coquitlam,

the City of Port Moody, and to the Board of School Trustees, School District No. 43 indicating that, following the presentation to the Committee by Ms. Paulette Mossop, Co-ordinator of the Greater Coquitlam Volunteer Bureau in support of her request for funds, the Committee has made a donation of \$100. to the Bureau;

AND THAT further, the Committee recognizes the need of the Bureau for new premises and would request that the Municipal Councils and School Board provide any assistance possible in aiding the relocation of the offices of the Greater Coquitlam Volunteer Bureau.

Carried.

Prior to passage of the foregoing resolution it was noted that the terms of reference of the Joint Family Division Committee prevent the spending of any amount greater than \$100. without the express permission of the three Councils.

CORRESPONDENCE:

From the Minister of Health, The District of Coquitlam The City of Port Coquitlam, and The City of Port Moody, with respect to the Psychologist Position at the Port Coquitlam Mental Health Centre, acknowledging receipt of the Committee's resolution in support of filling the vacancy. Mr. Maddalozzo advised that he had received information that a decision had been made to fill the position, however this would probably not occur until the Fall due to the hiring process used. He further advised that in the meantime, the Kincaid Centre has been able to obtain the services of the New Westminster Office Psychologist on a limited emergency basis. The items were then received for filing.

Letters from the District of Coquitlam, the City of Port Coquitlam and the City of Port Moody, ratifying the appointments of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Committee were received for information.

Letters from the District of Coquitlam, the City of Port Coquitlam and the City of Port Moody, approving the 1978 Budget of the Committee were received for information.

From Mr. T. Klassen, District of Coquitlam, February 27th, 1978 thanking the Committee for the honorarium for past secretarial services to the Committee and returning the same with the request that the Committee donate the amount to a needy organization within School District No. 43.

Moved by D. Kenmuir:

Seconded by D. Ross:

That the honorarium returned by Mr. Ted Klassen, February 27th, 1978 for donation to a worthy cause be turned



over to the Greater Coquitlam Volunteer Bureau with a covering letter of explanation;

AND THAT a copy of the said letter be forwarded to Mr. Klassen.

Carried.

From the Corrections Branch, being a Briefing Paper on the Youth Containment Programme, forwarded in response to a request for information from the Committee. Ms. Roest advised the meeting of a Memorandum under date of April 7th, 1978 she had received with respect to the Youth Containment Programme and advising that the Programme has been challenged in the Courts and until results of an Appeal are known, all youth presently in containment are to be returned to the Courts for return to the 'remand' programme. Ms. Roest advised that the present remand beds are still insufficient in number however, the containment beds would be used for remand purposes until the results of the Appeal. There are approximately 40 children to be dealt with in this regard.

Ms. Roest gave a brief progress report of the Coquitlam Works Project and advised that there are some difficulties with regard to getting a person to run the programme, however she hopes that at the next meeting she will have a further report. Any member of the committee who is interested in seeing the programme in action is invited to Ms. Roest's Westwood office any morning at 8:30 a.m.

Alderman Robinson advised that last fall the subject of the release of handicapped persons into the community had come before the Committee and it was felt that no information was available as to whether the community had sufficient resources available to accommodate those persons released, and also that the necessary expertise to deal with these persons may not in fact be available. In response to a request to Dr. J. Blatherwick, Director of the Simon Fraser Health Unit, Dr. Doug Patterson, A.M.H.O. was present to speak to the Committee.

Dr. Patterson advised that the information he had available for the Committee at this time was relevant to the release of children from Woodlands School in New Westminster and he was not familiar with information relative to Riverview or Valleyview patients. In response to a need of the parents of children in Woodlands approximately 5 years ago, a consultant was engaged who organized the formation of the "Community Living Society" whose aim was to return as many of the children as possible to the community. The Society consists of a director, representatives of the Woodlands Parent's group, representatives of the local business community

and the Mental Health Association, who after holding a Community Placement Conference (in conjunction with the Doctors, Human Resource Dept. officials, and parents) assess the children and determine those eligible for release. At the present time there are approximately 200 of the less retarded children that will be considered, with about 15 included in the initial programme. Of these 15, only 1 child has to date been returned to a home situation in Burnaby. The plan is that if the child is assessed by the Community placement conference and found eligible, then the Community Living Society will develop an individual programme plan for the return. Their policy at present is to purchase existing services available in the community and not to develop non-existent services. Once a service is obtained, it is contracted out and Human Resources is notified of the costs involved. The Department of Human Resources is presently paying \$18,000. to \$20,000. for this programme. Although Dr. Patterson feels the programme may show promise, he advised he and Dr. Blatherwick will be meeting with the Director of the society at an early date to get more information as to the programme and its operation in this area. It apparently is an extremely slow process as the Community Living Society has the policy of making sure that every possible resource that may be required by the child in question is available in the community to which it is being returned before any placement is approved.

He outlined various types of facilities that may be developed or required to institute an ideal programme ranging from individual home personalized care to mini-institutions and suggested that one of the present difficulties is that any release into the community creates an increased work load for the Health Unit personnel involved and although there is increase in work load and costs there is no increased payment to the Health Unit and by the same token although some of the work is taken from the institution, they do not lose staff or receive cutbacks in funding.

At the present time, there are approximately 40 children on release in this area on a 'day-school' basis at Sunny Cedar and Sunny Park schools but no one has been released on a full programme basis. A brief general discussion ensued by the members of the committee as to the possibilities of the programme and alternatives that may or may not be available.

Alderman Robinson thanked Dr. Patterson for his attendance and report on this subject and it was agreed that if possible the Committee would like further information as to the release of adults. It was suggested that perhaps Dr. Shauna Little, of the Port Coquitlam Mental Health Office could be contacted to determine if she could provide information in this regard.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Maddalozzo advised the Committee that it was once again time for the Kincaid Treatment Resource Centre to submit its annual Budget for the approval of the Ministry of Human Resources and, as in past years, it appears that the additional funds requested are being questioned. This Committee and the three Municipal Councils have in past years been instrumental in obtaining at least a portion of the additional budget funds for the Centre and Mr. Maddalozzo would ask the assistance of the Committee again this year. In support of this request, Mr. Maddalozzo produced some comparative salary scales and advised of some new positions created by the Ministry at much higher salary scales (with lesser qualifications being required) for essentially the same type of work presently carried out by the Child Care Counsellors at the Centre. Mr. Maddalozzo quoted some of the arguments put forth by the Chairman of the Coquitlam SHARE Society as support of the Budget submission, in recent correspondence with the Regional Manager, Ministry of Human Resources (whose agreement and support has been obtained) and to the Minister of Human Resources, The Honourable W. Vander Zalm.

Moved by Alderman Traboulay:

Seconded by D. Ross:

That the Family Division Committee write a letter to the Minister of Human Resources in support of the Kincaid Treatment Resource Centre Budget submission for 1978;

AND THAT support of the submission also be requested by the Committee from the three Municipal Councils, the Board of School Trustees, and M.L.A. George Kerster.

Carried.

Prior to passage of the above resolution, a brief discussion ensued as to the problems encountered by the Centre from year to year and the loss of valuable staff that could be expected if their Budget is not approved, in view of the Government's new programme, similar to the one Kincaid has operated for over the past 5 years, but offering much higher salaries. Mr. Maddalozzo indicated that although the Ministry seemed reluctant to provide the money for the salaries as requested, they had requested that the Kincaid Staff provide training for their newly created Family Support Worker programme.

Mr. Fleck indicated that the Horizon Programme was facing a similar problem with respect to Budget approval and requested that the Committee support his Budget submission as well. He provided a brief outline of the change in services provided that had taken place during the past several months and indicated that the programme had dealt with 50 youths from Port Moody, 25 from Port Coquitlam and

25 from Coquitlam with 83% of those going through the programme returning home successfully, with the other 17% being referred to other resources. Mr. Fleck reported that the building lease would be up in 3 months and apparently the programme is considered worthwhile as he has been instructed to negotiate an additional year for the lease, however he would like some indication from the Ministry as to the long-range future of the programme.

Moved by D. Ross:

Seconded by Alderman Traboulay:

That the Family Division Committee write a letter to the Ministry of Human Resources in support of the Horizon Programme Budget submission;

AND THAT support of the submission be also requested by the Committee from the three Municipal Councils, the Board of School Trustees, and M.L.A. George Kerster.

Carried.

The next meeting has been tentatively set for June 14th, 1978 at 7:30 p.m., the location to be announced at the time this date is confirmed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by D. Kenmuir:

Seconded by D. Ross:

That this meeting do now adjourn.

Carried.

At 9:30 p.m. the meeting adjourned and Alderman Traboulay advised that light refreshments would be served.

*D. C. Evans*

Chairman

(Deputy)

*M. K. Warwick*

Secretary