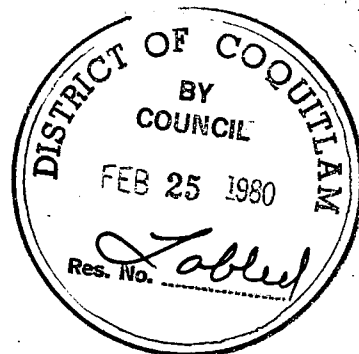


FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 17, 1980  
Family Court Committee - Public Hearing - 7:30 p.m.



FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC HEARING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 1980

The Family Court Committee of School District #43 held a Public Hearing in Centennial Theatre, Centennial School, 570 Poirier Street, Coquitlam, B.C. on Thursday, January 17, 1980 at 7:30 p.m. The purpose of this Public Hearing was to discuss crisis to the community services for children due to lack of adequate funding by the Department of Human Resources.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Port Moody: S. Francis (Chairperson)  
J. Taylor  
Alderman D. A. F. Goudzwaard (1979 member)

Coquitlam: Alderman R. Mitchuk  
K. Gillies  
D. Kenmuir (1979 member)  
Alderman B. Robinson (1979 member)

Port Coquitlam: J. Cathie  
Alderman P. R. Ranger (Alternate)  
Ms. D. Ross (Alternate)

Also Present: J. Maddalozzo - Kincaid Treatment Resource  
L. Harry - S. H. A. F. T.  
W. Mudge - S. H. A. R. E.  
D. Vater - S. H. A. R. E. Chairman  
P. Humphrey - Horizon Receiving & Assessment  
S. Sharlow - Probation Services

OPENING REMARKS:

Mrs. Sheila Francis, Chairperson, of School District #43 Family Court Committee, opened the meeting by thanking all those present for attending this evening. She also expressed thanks to all of the Municipal, Provincial and Federal elected officials present for attending. She stated that the Family Court Committee is an independent body made up of Aldermen and citizens for District #43 and their mandate is to monitor our local resources connected with the Family Court system and make recommendations to the government and report back to the community. She stated they have made every effort to notify the government of the Family Court Committee concerns and that this evening the Committee was bringing them to the public in the hope that jointly as a community they can persuade elected government officials that child care services are a priority to be taken seriously and that this community insists on their continued existence and adequate funding.

Mrs. Francis stated that the Committee wished to stress that it views this as a non-partisan political issue, political only insofar as the provincial politicians hold the purse strings in this instance. She informed the audience that the Committee keeps in close touch with the growth and activities of these services by having as advisors to the Family Court Committee, the Directors of Kincaid, Horizon and S. H. A. F. T. as well as a member of S. H. A. R. E. (the umbrella organization for these and other local community resources) and also a Probation Officer. She stated the committee was shocked to learn that the Ministry of Human Resources allocated the 79-80 funds to Kincaid, Horizon and S. H. A. F. T. only in September of 1979, 6 months into the fiscal year, leaving these services to operate without a contract or any firm knowledge of what their budgets would be. As well, the budgets turned out to be considerably less than those submitted by the agencies which has created a crisis situation as expected salary increases and operating costs had to be

reduced to the bare bones minimum in situations where budget cuts from previous years had already caused severe cutbacks.

Mrs. Francis stated that the problem of inadequate funding is not new but has been a concern of the Committee for the past few years and has been expressed to the government on previous occasions. She stated that during October, November and December the S. H. A. R. E. Board wrote twice to the Honourable Grace McCarthy, Minister of Human Resources, the Coquitlam Municipal Council wrote once and New Westminster Family Court Committee wrote as well and the Family Court Committee wrote three times expressing the same concern. In response, the Minister wrote to S. H. A. R. E. November 2, and to the Family Court Committee on November 5, neither letter recognizing the severity of the situation. Mrs. Francis informed the meeting that the Committee received no reply to their invitation to the Minister to attend this evening's meeting, however, S. H. A. R. E. Board has heard this week that the Minister's Executive Assistant has arranged a February meeting between Human Resources Officials and the Board Chairman.

Mrs. Francis reported that S. H. A. R. E. has come to a decision that unless a suitable contract is drawn between itself and the Ministry of Human Resources for the Horizon project before April 1, that receiving home will have to close its doors. In closing, Mrs. Francis stated that members of the Committee would like to express their distress that the Year of the Child was celebrated in such a superficial way, with large amounts of money being spent on song books, calendars and posters with little or nothing going to directly to the children and youth who most needed help. She stated they feel that children in crisis have a right to be treated by experienced people with expertise and have a right to the best possible services that can be provided for them, and further that the dedicated experts working in these most difficult areas should not be expected to subsidize our community and have a right to the same financial consideration as their counterparts in government service.

Mrs. Francis read a letter received this date from Pauline Jewett, M. P. for Coquitlam/New Westminster in which Miss Jewett expressed her concern with regard to the lack of adequate funding by the Department of Human Resources to the community services for children.

DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT #43 COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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At this time Mrs. Francis introduced the directors of SHAFT, Kincaid Treatment Centre and Horizon Receiving and Assessment Centre and these directors came forward and each gave a brief review of their particular operation.

Mr. John Maddalozzo, Director of Kincaid Treatment Resource, informed the meeting of a report written by a district supervisor for Human Resources who observed the before and after behavior of three children who had been enrolled at Kincaid. In all three cases he had referred to the tremendous improvement in behavior in these children after being placed in the Kincaid Treatment program. Mr. Maddalozzo went over the history of the Kincaid Treatment Resource stating that in '73 a need was identified for this type of a program, and in September of 1974 the Kincaid Treatment Resource opened its doors to the children and families in School District #43. He stated they offer a comprehensive treatment program for children 6-12 years of age with behavior problems which are unmanageable in the regular schools, the community and at home. It includes an intensive day treatment program with alternate classroom setting for remediation and treatment and there is also an outreach program working with parents and children in their home.

Mr. Maddalozzo stated that the problem of funding is not a new problem, and that in November of 1975 the previous director had written to S. H. A. R. E. expressing concern in regard to funding. Mr. Maddalozzo stated that now some four years later, funding problems are still the same only more so and that the workers are now paid an average of

46% less than equivalent government workers and in August they will be paid an average of 58% less. He went on to state that to keep the program at a high level of success requires maintaining a high quality of staff with the expertise and specialization to deal with the problems at hand. Mr. Maddalozzo informed the hearing that there is a lack of adequate services available, different and separate from Kincaid, to handle the children who are not appropriate referrals to the Kincaid program, the S. H. A. F. T. program or the Horizon program. He stated part of the problem of being successful, besides being the only resource available, is that people misuse the service and want them to be all things to all children. He stated they end up taking children that are not appropriate because if they don't there is nothing else for them.

He went on to inform the meeting that their working relationship with the Ministry's social workers and family support workers is excellent and this also holds true for the school district staff. On the other hand, he stated, we're dealing with the philosophy of the Minister of Human Resources and certain other bureaucrats.

Mr. Maddalozzo informed the meeting that in the end it is the community that must tell the bureaucrats that they aren't satisfied with their attitude or their policies. He thanked the audience for being concerned, for listening and for coming this evening.

Mr. Phil Humphrey, Director of Horizon Receiving and Assessment Centre, stated that while he has just recently been appointed to this position he has been in the social service treatment for young people for the past seven years. He stated he has never seen such support from the community and from Ministry of Human Resources personnel as he has seen this evening. He stated that the Horizon program is a co-educational residential program for problem youth 13 - 16 years of age, inclusive. During the short term (usually three months) progress is made in the area of social skills and individual planning, enabling the resident to re-enter the community. Mr. Humphrey informed the meeting that because of funding problems they have already had to cut one worker and the present staff is over worked. He reported that the past director and the senior child care counsellor have left due to these conditions. He stated that S. H. A. R. E. have received a call from Victoria, inviting them to come over to negotiate and they are hopeful something will come of this. He thanked the audience for their support.

Mr. Lorne Harry, Director of S. H. A. F. T. Alternate to School, informed the meeting that this is a program for students in School District #43 who are unable to function in the regular school system. He stated it was an activity oriented program designed to equip students with the life skills needed to function as contributing citizens. He informed the meeting that it is alternate to the school program and it is sponsored by three separate organizations. School District #43 provides the program with two teachers and a teachers aid. The Ministry of Human Resources provides three child care counsellors plus a secretary and a very, very small amount of money for programming. The third contributor is the Attorney-General's Department who recently decided the S. H. A. F. T. program was worthwhile and now provide additional funds for another child care counsellor. Mr. Harry went on to inform the meeting that they very strongly believe that they need the means to teach these kids what they need to know to re-enter the community. He stated they have a crafts area, a woodworking shop and a classroom. He stated that all major equipment such as machinery and tools for the woodworking shop have been donated and that very little capital money had been put into this program. He went on to state that the citizens of this community should be asking themselves if they are prepared to sit back and watch programs which have a proven track record and are competent, be inadequately funded.

Mr. Harry stated that the policy seems to be to give enough money to projects such as this to get them rolling and the people in the field will keep them rolling.

Mr. Harry went on to state that people in the community should ask themselves what they want in the community in the way of services of this type and are they prepared to demand and insist that the children and youth of School District #43 have an opportunity to develop their skills in order to function in the community. If this is the case they must have more money.

Mr. Steve Sharlow of the Juvenile Probation Family Court Services office, came forward and read a letter of support for the services that are provided. He stated that this letter was presented on behalf of the Juvenile Probation Family Court Services office and that they are more than satisfied with the services given to them by S. H. A. F. T., Horizons and Kincaid Treatment programs. He stated that the Kincaid staff have always been ready to help them when they needed help, and they would like to see these services expanded. He also stated that they would like to criticize the inefficient funding and short term contracts that not only affect the workers in these programs but ultimately the children. He informed the meeting that they felt the calibre of staff in the programs was extremely high. Mr. Sharlow further stated that the deplorable lack of resources in the School District #43 area has a negative effect not only on the child but also on the community as a whole and it would be devastating to see these resources disappear because of a lack of funding.

At this point the meeting recessed for a short coffee break.  
8:30 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD:

Alderman Phil Ranger of the City of Port Coquitlam asked if every Family Court Committee in B.C. was being treated in the same shoddy way or is the School District #43 Committee being singled out for this treatment.

Mr. John Maddalozzo informed the meeting that the Family Court Committee isn't responsible for the programs that they have been talking about this evening, that S. H. A. R. E. is responsible for the funding and they're the people who deal with the provincial government in negotiating for funds. However, the situation is not unique to this community. The provincial government has set a limit of a five per cent increase on budgets and no capital grants to organizations of this type all over the province.

Sheila Francis informed Alderman Ranger that other Family Court Committees do have the same concerns as the School District #43 Committee and further, that New Westminster has even greater problems than we do in that they do not have the resources in the first place and are forced to use our Horizons Home and they're therefore also very concerned about this problem.

Alderman B. T. H. Robinson, of the District of Coquitlam asked the members of the committee if they had given any thought to what the next step would be in this process of presenting the petition to the provincial government.

Jon Taylor replied that yes they had discussed it at some length and would be meeting as a committee to discuss it further. Originally, the committee had felt that the Minister would probably feel there would be little support for this sort of program in the community and therefore the committee felt it was important to hold a Public Meeting to demonstrate community support before the committee took this matter any further.

Mr. Taylor went on to state that the committee is requesting that the people here this evening sign the petition that will be available at the end of the meeting and take it home if they are in agreement with it and have their neighbours sign it as well. He stated that the committee felt that the Minister would take this petition very seriously when she meets with S. H. A. R. E. in February and this would help strengthen their case.

Mrs. E. Parker informed the Committee that she would like to congratulate them on taking the initiative to hold this meeting tonight and on behalf of Association of Coquitlam Electors, she would like to express their support. She stated they have been in the process of formulating a policy on educational issues and have been discussing special needs of children. She also stated she was a school trustee in School District #43 and had a special interest when these programs were set up and she felt they were long overdue and badly needed. She stated that the community will pay far more in the long run for not providing for our children in the first place and that it doesn't make sense when we know the inflation rate is climbing sharply to hold these services to such a small increase. She asked the advisors how many children are on the waiting list for each of these programs.

Mr. Lorne Harry of S. H. A. F. T. replied by stating that it would depend on the time of year. He stated that S. H. A. F. T. has an advisory board meeting once a month which screens all applicants. It could be anywhere from two or three children up to ten or twelve at one time and Kincaid Treatment Resource would probably be the same. He stated that with Horizon there is always a waiting list and always a problem getting kids into this program.

Mrs. Francis informed the audience that the S. H. A. R. E. board would be meeting with the Ministry of Human Resources on February 8, 1980 and not February 14, 1980 as earlier reported.

Mr. Stewart Leggatt, M. L. A. for Coquitlam/Port Moody, congratulated the Committee for its efforts this evening. He went on to state that this kind of turnout says a lot of good things about this community regarding a problem which most people don't see. Certainly it will help in any representation the committee makes to Victoria, that this community is definitely disturbed with this kind of erosion of services. Mr. Leggatt stated he would like to thank the committee for the action they have taken in this regard.

Mr. Bill Sawchuk asked what the chances were of these agencies being taken over by the provincial government, and would it be beneficial to the agencies.

Mr. Taylor replied that this involved speculation on what the Ministry intends to do and they have not made their intentions clear except in their negotiations with S. H. A. R. E. He stated that the Family Court Committee had no direct relationship with the Ministry.

He stated that through the committee's relationship in this particular matter and their advice from S. H. A. R. E. and the tenor of the negotiations S. H. A. R. E. had with the Ministry, the Ministry is satisfied to see the level of services at the current level or pass out of existence.

Mr. Taylor stated that he felt that one of the strong advantages of a community based program is that it involves the community directly in very serious problems that are otherwise sloughed off. These programs are also more cheaply provided than they would be under the Ministry of Human Resources. The workers in the program should be paid more, but they are prepared to work for less because they don't have to deal with the bureaucratic jungle. Direct volunteer work is also an important feature of these programs which you would not get if it was taken over by the Ministry of Human Resources.

He stated another subtle advantage we have is a little more input into what is happening in the community.

John Maddalozzo reported that in March of 1977 the Ministry had an evaluation done on the Kincaid Centre to see whether the funds they were asking for were legitimate. One of basic issues was whether the Kincaid Centre was being operated efficiently and there was ample and persuasive evidence to prove that it was.

Mr. Tom Maguire of Vancouver stated that it seemed a shame that in this community, where there seemed to be such support, that these organizations cannot get adequate funding when there are other communities in this province that don't get this community support and have funding but that don't open up programs because of council or community problems.

Mrs. Francis stated that she would like to be able to answer that question, but the Ministry of Human Resources did not send anyone to answer these questions. As far as other programs that are operating effectively in other areas, there is a multi program in Vancouver which operates and receives thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) per year more than this district.

A member of the audience asked why it has taken so long to hold this type of a public meeting.

John Maddalozzo stated that for many years they had tried to be reasonable, tried to be fair and present budgets that were reasonable but it has now reached a crisis stage.

Mr. Lorne Harry stated that these programs being poorly funded is nothing new. He stated that over the years, they've played games with their budgets, cutting things here and there and they made their operations extremely efficient but they have now reached a point where there is no more elasticity left in the budgets and they can't stretch them any further or they'll break.

Mr. D. Driscoll thanked the committee members as well as the directors for the meeting this evening and hoped the show of support shown here tonight would give them the strength to carry on with their attempts to continue the kinds of services we have experienced over the last few years and hopefully will ensure that as a community we don't lose these services and they will be in place when needed. He stated that this evening they have discussed three types of services for three types of children but what is there available for people who are in some kind of difficulty with the law. He stated he would like to know the range and kind of functions that would enhance the present services.

Phil Humphrey replied that they do need additional services. He stated they need a three level service i.e. an emergency receiving centre, residential treatment centre and associated group homes. He stated that when a child comes into care he goes into a emergency receiving centre, then on to a residential treatment centre and finally to a group home to enable him to re-enter the community.

Mr. Lorne Harry stated that there has been other attempts to introduce additional programs. He stated a brief was presented to the Ministry outlining a program to handle juvenile offenders who have violent tendencies. There is a need for a service which provides treatment as well as housing of children and there are no such facilities in the lower mainland. S. H. A. R. E. proposed such a program but the Ministry was not prepared to fund it. He stated that he would be interested in having S. H. A. R. E. press for such a program.

Mr. Norm Levi, M. L. A. for Coquitlam/New Westminster riding stated that a Family Court Committee is faced with a problem because if the government was interested in these programs they would have helped before now. He stated that the sooner they get on the lawn at the legislature and start protesting the sooner they get action. He asked the committee what plans they made for after the February meeting with the Minister.

He stated that the Minister will tell S. H. A. R. E. that her staff will look into the matter and the committee should be prepared with a plan of action to deal with this type of a response. He stated that the committee has two M. L. A.'s, an M. P. and municipal elected officials in the audience who are all willing to help and the committee should have a plan of action set up to follow the February 8th meeting when S. H. A. R. E. is turned down in their request for a budget increase.

Mr. Jon Taylor replied that the committee does have some plans but basically the difficulty was that the committee does not have the practical experience that Mr. Levi does. Members of the committee are not politicians. However, they do sense that this is clearly a political issue and they intend to push as strongly as they can if they get no satisfaction on February 8th. Mr. Taylor went on to state that one of the problems the committee faced in November was whether or not to call a public meeting. There was some concern that perhaps they should lobby the Minister but after receiving her responses the committee was satisfied that lobbying would not be very effective, and in fact would be useless. Mr. Taylor went on to state that the committee does not intend to stop, but to push for further services and that other issues will be coming up. He stated that the committee intends to keep it before the public in the best way they can and they will certainly be calling on our provincial representatives and also our federal representatives if they can be of help to us. Travelling to Victoria will be something the committee will keep in mind for the future.

Mr. Gordon Wilson of 333 Pine Street, New Westminster stated that he has worked in a number of group homes and they do have a lot of good resources but there is a constant battle with budgets. He stated that he hoped the committee was successful in their effort to increase the budgets for these various resources.

Mr. D. Vater, Chairman of S. H. A. R. E., informed the meeting that a decision had been made on October 18, 1979 by the regional manager of the Human Resources Department to eliminate the assessment and diagnostics services for Horizon. Historically, from 1974 to 1976 Oakmount receiving home, which is now Horizon Centre, was a receiving home on the verge of closure and it was a dumping ground for the Ministry of Human Resources. Mr. Vater went on to state that S. H. A. R. E. felt it would be a better solution to plan a treatment resource around the already existing services we have such as the Horizon Centre, rather than developing new services.

At this time Dr. John Gossage, Head of Pediatrics at the Columbian Hospital, and also head of the Child Abuse Clinic, was asked if he wished to make any comments. Dr. Gossage stated that one of the problems that those of them who work with multi handicapped children face, is that a lot of these kids are the ones that fall through the ministerial cracks. Many of these children are of concern to many different ministries, e.g. some of the children quite legitimately fall under Human Resources, Health, Attorney General and Education. It makes it very easy for the government to pass the buck. As a result he stated they're looking at funding as a multi-ministerial responsibility. He stated he often felt that there should be a Ministry of Youth.

Mr. Stuart Leggatt, M. L. A. for Coquitlam/Port Moody, suggested that the government thinks nothing of having a Ministry of Energy & Natural Resources and actually our most important resources are children. Perhaps one of the thoughts they should entertain is looking at more formal multi funding for programs that are both preventive and treatment in nature. He stated that it would be obscene if anything happened to these programs and he promised to help in any way he could.

Mrs. W. Mudge stated that she would like to know why some of the child abuse cases are no longer reported.

Jon Taylor stated that unfortunately there was no one at the meeting able to answer this question and if someone from the Ministry had been in attendance, they could respond to this question.



He stated that as a committee they did not intend this meeting to delve into internal difficulties in the Ministry.

Mrs. Mudge replied and stated that she would like to see the procedures reviewed in the Ministry or something done about the reporting of child abuse cases.

Dr. Gossage replied and stated that in terms of a preventive program locally which would include School District #43 plus Surrey and Burnaby, they assume that they're dealing with a population of approximately 3,200 at least.

John Maddalozzo stated that part of the problem as it has been explained to him is that while the government went out of its way to advertise the child abuse telephone line and to set up child abuse teams who do an excellent job in the communities and schools, they don't back it up with service. He stated that people report these cases and there isn't sufficient staff to deal with them.

Mrs. E. Ward, 3337 Hazel Drive, Port Coquitlam, stated that she was a member of the Northeast Coquitlam Ratepayers Association who are meeting tonight and stated that when she went back to the meeting this evening she would see if they would send a letter to the Ministry of Human Resources from their organization in support of these programs and she would urge everyone here tonight to do the same thing. She said there must be a lot of people at this meeting from various organizations who could get their groups to send letters to the Ministry.

CLOSING REMARKS:

At this time Mr. Taylor introduced the other members of the Family Court Committee as well as the members of the '79 Committee who were in attendance.

Mr. Taylor stated that the committee was overwhelmed by the support shown at this meeting this evening and he wanted to make it clear that as their fellow citizens, the Committee will do what it can to achieve the desired goals. One of the problems they face in enunciating their goals to the Ministry is to do it in such a way that the Ministry won't react in a confrontational manner. He stated that they have tried to present the idea to the Minister that the committee wanted to work with her, but she had indicated in her letter to the committee that one of the problems from her point of view was responsible budgeting. He stated that the Ministry has slashed the budgets without understanding the nature of the programs. Mr. Taylor went on to state that when the Minister states that there is no money, she may be factually correct but not factually honest. He said that there are discretionary decisions that can be made and that if there is money for other priorities there should be money for this priority. Governments make these sort of choices and this choice was made in the International Year of the Child. He stated that the committee is asking members of the audience if they feel as the committee does, to communicate their concerns to the Ministry. Mr. Taylor went on to inform the members of the audience there would be a petition at the door and if they would sign this petition tonight or if they chose to consider it, they could take one home and pass it on to their neighbours if they are in agreement with same.

He thanked everyone for attending.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Joe Francis  
CHAIRMAN

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FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE

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SPECIAL MEETING - JANUARY 24, 1980

The thirty-eighth meeting of the "School District No. 43 Joint Family Court Committee" was held in the home of Jonathon Taylor, 3345 Viewmount Drive, Port Moody, B.C. on Thursday, January 24, 1980 at 8:00 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Port Moody: S. Francis (Chairman)  
J. Taylor
- Port Coquitlam: Alderman J. Keryluk  
D. Ross (Alternate)
- Coquitlam: Regrets - Alderman R. Mitchuk
- Also Present: J. Maddalozzo - Kincaid Treatment Resource  
P. Humphrey - Horizon Receiving and Assessment Centre  
S. Sharlow - Probation Services  
Mrs. J. Taylor - Acting Secretary

1. Correspondence

A letter of congratulations was received from Mr. N. Levi, M.L.A. Coquitlam - New Westminster Riding.

2. New Business

To discuss follow-up plans to Public Meeting -

Issue 1 - How to handle petitions

- suggested that Committee send a covering letter with petitions indicating there will be ongoing support by the Family Court Committee for the services of Horizon, S.H.A.F.T., and Kincaid.

Also to be included was a letter of support from Dr. Gossage, letters from the public and social workers, as well as newspaper clippings.

- suggested it should also be indicated that there will be ongoing pressure until needs are met.

- suggested that it must be remembered that the role of the Committee is to advise the Ministry and that it is important to try to maintain credibility with the government.

Issue II - Ways to keep the funding problem a viable issue in front of the public and government. (Between now and February 8, 1980.)

1. Increase coverage in papers - articles informing the public about the three organizations.
2. Request groups in the community to send individual letters of support e.g.:

Ministry of Human Resources  
Port Coquitlam Mental Health Centre  
Ministerial Association  
C.U.P.E.  
Chamber of Commerce  
B. C. School Counsellors  
Local Service Clubs  
Operation Step-up  
T.A.G.  
Council for Exceptional Children  
Special Education  
Port Moody Police  
School Trustees  
Child Abuse Team  
Local School Faculties

3. Letters of progress to M.L.A.'s and all candidates running federally.
4. Continue to get public support by way of signatures on petitions.
5. Lobby Mayors for support.

Between February 8th and 28th.

1. Arrange for air time on Barry Clark and Terry Moore shows.
2. Arrange for T.V. coverage - C.K.V.U. and Jack Webster.

Finally it was suggested that letters of thanks go to The Enterprise, The Herald, The Columbian and Cable 10 for coverage of Public Hearing.

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Family Court Committee meeting will be held February 21, 1980 at 7:30 p.m. in the Coquitlam Council Chambers.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The Special Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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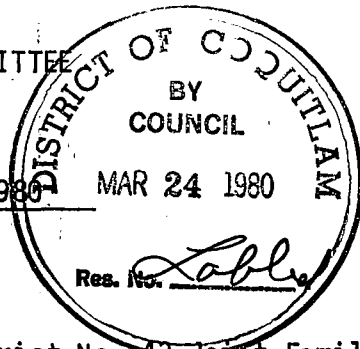
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FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE

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FEBRUARY 21, 1980

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The Thirty-ninth meeting of the "School District No. 43 Joint Family Court Committee" was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Hall, 1111 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam, B.C. on Thursday, February 21, 1980 at 7:30 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Port Moody: S. Francis (Chairman)  
J. Taylor

Port Coquitlam: Alderman J. Keryluk  
J. Cathie  
D. Ross (Alternate)

Also Present: J. Maddalozzo - Kincaid Treatment Resource  
P. Humphrey - Horizon Receiving and Assessment  
B. Roest - Probation Services  
D. Burnham - S.H.A.R.E.  
Alderman B. Robinson - Coquitlam  
S. Aikenhead - Secretary

1 - DISCUSSION OF FEBRUARY 8th MEETING BETWEEN S.H.A.R.E. AND MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

The Chairman opened the meeting by stating that she felt a special thank you should go to Karen Gillies for making the arrangements for the Public Hearing that was held at Centennial School in January. She stated she would also like to give a thank you to Jon Taylor and to the resource people for their efforts in regard to this Public Hearing.

D. BURNHAM - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - S.H.A.R.E.

Darrell Burnham reported that representatives of Share had met with the Minister of Human Resources on Friday, February 8th at which time Share presented the Minister with several petitions and letters which they had received in support of their request for further funding. Mr. Burnham stated that the major part of the meeting was spent defining the services and discussing the budgets and the needs of the services. He stated that prior to the meeting with the Minister the contract for these three services had been renegotiated up to March 31, the end of this fiscal year. An additional \$22,000. had been provided for these services with Horizon receiving the largest portion of the money, then Kincaid and finally S.H.A.F.T. He stated that this allowed the three services to upgrade their salaries somewhat but they are still not up to what would be considered as par with government employees however it has taken some of the pressure off for the moment and it did have quite an effect on the meeting with the Minister. Further he reported that this gave Horizons a budget of approximately \$186,000. for this year compared to the original \$172,000. and that next year they would require approximately \$220,000. to operate and they are only expecting \$200,000. from the regional office. He stated that if they require more than this they will have to have some type of extra allocation from the Ministry although of these three programs Horizon is probably in the best position.

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Mr. Burnham stated that one of the strongest statements coming from the meeting was that the Ministry was not interested in looking at setting precedents in terms of a regional nature such as making this area a richer area than any other region.

According to Mr. Burnham he did not feel that the meeting was too successful but the letters of support sent to the Ministry were very helpful and made the Minister very aware that we do have community support.

SPECIAL GUEST - J. KARPOFF, REGIONAL MANAGER, MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

Mr. Karpoff informed the Committee that the matter of next year's budget proposals has been turned over to him to work out with Share society and the administrative people. He stated he will be getting a regional budget and within that budget he can then go ahead and negotiate contracts with Kincaid, Horizon and Shaft but there may be provincial guidelines relative to salary increases. He stated there also may be additional funds to come to the region but he won't be sure of this until after the provincial legislature deals with the provincial budget.

He went on to state that there is quite a difference between a grant and a contract for services such as where they have a statutory obligation to provide services particularly in the area of child welfare, and this would have to be defined. He stated they would have to define the types of programs the Ministry feels they need in this area and structure of program and then go to the organization that can supply this program and purchase the services.

Mr. Karpoff stated that there is also the question of administrative costs. The Minister raised the issue that the Share Society has become very expensive for the Ministry to purchase services from because of the large portion of money that is not going to services but for administration costs.

Mr. Karpoff stated that they hope to soon meet with the Share staff and board to commence negotiations for the next fiscal year, but that any contract signed prior to the provincial legislature sitting must be subject to the Ministry of Human Resources' budget being approved. He also stated they will not be prepared to start negotiations until they have all the information necessary. He stated they want to get a total picture of the types of resources needed for this region before any negotiations commence as the kind of money they are talking about is approximately three-quarters of a million dollars in development money. He stated that the Horizons budget would be around \$200,000. for the year and if there was a group home, the cost would run to approximately \$60,000. to \$75,000. per year depending on staffing. If Kincaid was to expand services for younger children it would be another \$50,000. He stated they now have to define what services they are willing to purchase. He continued by stating there is a difference in perception in what the Ministry thinks the community needs and what the various organizations think is needed. The Human Resources staff would like a short term receiving home, a six weeks hoding home, but Horizons would like a much longer term home.

Mr. Karpoff was asked if this development money was earmarked for new programs or could it be used for existing services and he replied it was not earmarked for anything in particular and could be used in existing services.

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Concern was expressed regarding the contracts being negotiated at so late a date last year and Mr. Karpoff was asked how soon these negotiations could start. He replied that they would try to get the contracts negotiated as quickly as possible but they are not prepared to negotiate contracts before they define the programs more clearly. He stated that of the present programs run by Share, Kincaid and Shaft are more defined. Horizon is the one where there has been some difficulty in perceiving exactly what type of program it should be. He stated that even if the contracts are not signed in April they would still be retroactive to April 1st.

On a question from a member of the Committee, Mr. Karpoff stated that they need a short term facility for housing up to eight or nine children, as acting out teenagers are almost impossible to accommodate other than in a staffed facility. He went on to state that Horizon has indicated they do not wish to do short term care but prefer to move into longer term stable living arrangements with non-clinical treatment of the children. He went on to inform the meeting that if an organization was found which would develop a short term program there would still be a time-lag before the resources were established and operating smoothly.

Alderman Robinson reported that he works very closely with the Emergency Services section of the Ministry of Human Resources in School District No. 43 and their problems are very similar to the problems being experienced in other areas. He reported it's not uncommon to see the Emergency Services people come on duty at 4:30 in the afternoon and to be in a panic because they read out the resources available to them for that evening in which to place kids and there is not a bed available. He stated it is not unusual to see them pick up kids from the R.C.M.P. and have to place them in a resource in Vancouver. He reported that the new manager of Human Resources in Coquitlam is doing everything he can to get an assessment on what he has to work with in this community and hopefully this situation will be greatly improved in the next year or so.

Mr. Karpoff was asked if the Ministry wanted to redefine the existing program at Horizons. He replied that right now there is confusion as to what the Horizons program is, is it an assessment centre or a receiving centre or both. He wanted to have someone examine the program and define it, keeping in mind the ages of the children involved, length of stay, admission criteria etc. He also stated they would like to examine the feasibility of a satellite group home being part of the program.

At this time the Chairman stated that the Committee has suffered from a real lack of understanding as to how the Ministry of Human Resources operates and it would be advantageous to have someone from the Ministry sitting in on these Committee meetings as a resource person.

After further discussion on this subject Mr. Karpoff was thanked for attending the meeting and he left.

Mrs. J. Cathie and Mrs. D. Ross also left the meeting at this time.

MOVED BY J. TAYLOR  
SECONDED BY J. KERYLUK

That the Committee request that the Ministry of Human Resources send a representative from the Ministry to sit in on the Family Court Committee Meetings in an advisory capacity.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING - NOVEMBER 15, 1979.

MOVED BY J. TAYLOR  
SECONDED BY J. KERYLUK

That the Minutes of the Family Court Committee Meeting of  
November 15, 1979 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE HEARING - JANUARY 17, 1980.

MOVED BY J. TAYLOR  
SECONDED BY J. KERYLUK

That the Minutes of the Family Court Committee Hearing of  
January 17, 1980 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING - JANUARY 24, 1980.

MOVED BY J. TAYLOR  
SECONDED BY J. KERYLUK

That the Family Court Committee Minutes of January 24, 1980  
be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ANNUAL REPORT - FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE - 1979.

MOVED BY J. KERYLUK  
SECONDED BY J. TAYLOR

That the Family Court Committee annual report for 1979  
be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

LETTERS FROM ELECTORAL AREA B AND VILLAGE OF BELCARRA -  
REQUESTS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON COMMITTEE.

MOVED BY J. KERYLUK  
SECONDED BY J. TAYLOR

That the Village of Belcarra and Electoral Area B of the  
G.V.R.D. each be invited to send a representative to sit  
on the School District No. 43 joint Family Court Committee  
as a voting member.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CITY OF PORT COQUITLAM - CHANGE OF COMMITTEE NAME.

MOVED BY J. KERYLUK  
SECONDED BY J. TAYLOR

That the City of Port Coquitlam be informed that the Family Court Committee is looking into the legal ramifications of changing the name of this Committee and after further investigation this matter will be considered by the Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORT - JUSTICE COUNCIL MEETING - FEBRUARY 13, 1980.

Darrell Burnham gave a verbal report on the Justice Council meeting held February 13, 1980. He stated the Council had discussed the matter of Inspector Davis of the R.C.M.P. requesting sufficient funds from the City of Port Coquitlam and the District of Coquitlam to hire a volunteer coordinator to run a program in this area similar to the one he ran while posted in the District of North Vancouver. This program was known as the "God Squad" in North Vancouver.

Alderman Robinson stated that emergency services in this area are now available and he felt that this program might be a possible duplication of services.

Darrell Burnham reported that also discussed at the last Justice Council meeting was the fact that the Ministry of the Attorney General is washing its hands of the Justice Council system in B.C. They are withdrawing staff support and leaving the Justice Councils to their own resources.

The Chairman suggested that it would be appropriate to have a member of the Justice Council Committee sit in as an advisor to this committee.

MOVED BY J. TAYLOR  
SECONDED BY J. KERYLUK

That the Justice Council for School District No. 43 be requested to send a representative from their Council to sit in on the School District No. 43 Family Court Committee Meetings in an advisory capacity.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HONOURARIUM TO FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE SECRETARY - 1979.

MOVED BY J. TAYLOR  
SECONDED BY J. KERYLUK

That an Honourarium of \$100.00 in the form of a gift certificate, be presented to Mrs. P. Goodwin, who acted as Secretary to the Family Court Committee for 1979, in recognition of the outstanding services performed by her on behalf of the Committee during 1979.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



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TABLED ITEMS:

Ministry of Attorney General - Acknowledgement of receipt of Annual Report.  
S.H.A.R.E. - Christmas Message  
City of Port Moody - Letter of support re: Provincial funding  
Douglas College - Letter of support re: Provincial funding  
Judge L. Clare - Letter of support re: Provincial funding  
Letter to Honourable G. McCarthy from Committee.

MOVED BY J. KERYLUK  
SECONDED BY J. TAYLOR

That the tabled items be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY J. TAYLOR  
SECONDED BY J. KERYLUK

That a letter of acknowledgement and thanks be sent from the Committee to the various organizations and individuals who wrote letters to the Ministry of Human Resources in support of the Committee's request for further fundings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATION FROM COQUITLAM.

The Chairman reported to the Committee that Coquitlam chose to appoint four people to the Committee this year, leaving two seats vacant. She stated that Dorothy Ross has put forward the name of Mrs. Betty Merrill, 2623 Rogate Ave. Coquitlam for possible appointment to the Committee. Mrs. Merrill is a Secretary at Seaview Elementary School and has expressed an interest in serving on this Committee.

MOVED BY J. KERYLUK  
SECONDED BY J. TAYLOR

That the School District No. 43 Family Court Committee request that Coquitlam Council consider making an additional appointment to the Family Court Committee;

And further that Mrs. Betty Merrill of 2623 Rogate Avenue, Coquitlam, be considered for this appointment.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MEETING WITH MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

MOVED BY J. TAYLOR  
SECONDED BY J. KERYLUK

That the Chairman of the Family Court Committee attempt to set up an informal meeting with the Minister later this month when she is in town. The purpose of the meeting would be to introduce the Committee and to state what we perceive the Committee's role to be.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The members of the Committee agreed that the election of officers for the Committee should be placed on the agenda of the March meeting, at which time it is hoped more members will be in attendance.

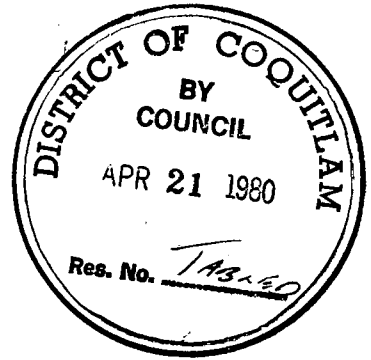
ADJOURNMENT:

The Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

John L. Lewis.

CHAIRMAN

TABLED



FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1980

The Fortieth meeting of the "School District No. 43 Joint Family Court Committee" was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Hall, 1111 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam, B.C. on Thursday, March 20, 1980 at 7:30 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Port Moody: S. Francis (Chairman)  
J. Taylor
- Port Coquitlam: Alderman J. Keryluk  
D. Ross (Alternate)
- Coquitlam: Alderman R. Mitchuk
- Also Present: P. Humphrey - Horizon Receiving and Assessment  
L. Harry - S.H.A.F.T.  
S. Aikenhead - Secretary

1 - FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE MINUTES - FEBRUARY 21, 1980.

MOVED BY D. ROSS  
SECONDED BY J. TAYLOR

That the Family Court Committee Minutes of February 21, 1980 be adopted.

CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY

2 - ANNUAL ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.

MOVED BY R. MITCHUK  
SECONDED BY D. ROSS

That Mrs. Sheila Francis be nominated for Chairman for 1980.

CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY R. MITCHUK  
SECONDED BY J. KERYLUK

That Jon Taylor be nominated for Vice Chairman for 1980.

CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY

3 - LETTER FROM MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCES - MARCH 5, 1980.

MOVED BY J. TAYLOR  
SECONDED BY D. ROSS

That the letter from the Minister of Human Resources be received.

CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY

FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE MINUTES  
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4 - LETTER FROM COQUITLAM RE: APPOINTMENTS TO FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE - 1980

MOVED BY D. ROSS  
SECONDED BY J. KERYLUK

That this letter be received for information; and further that the Secretary research the Family Court Committee Minutes, back to its inception as a Joint Committee in 1974, to determine the number of representatives appointed from each municipality at that time.

CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY

5 - COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 1980.

MOVED BY J. TAYLOR  
SECONDED BY L. WEINBERG

That the Family Court Committee meetings be held on the third Thursday of each month, but allowing for some flexibility depending on the ability of members to attend any particular meeting.

CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY

6 - COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR 1980.

MOVED BY J. TAYLOR  
SECONDED BY R. MITCHUK

That the Joint Family Court Committee request consideration by each member Municipal Council of a total budget of \$1,300 for 1980 based on the Simon Fraser Health Unit cost sharing formula, bearing in mind that this Committee expended no part of their \$800. budget for 1979 and that they have already expended \$442.34 of their 1980 budget, mainly for advertising purposes relating to the January Public Hearing held by this Committee.

CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY

7 - S.H.A.R.E. - REPORT ON BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS.

Phil Humphrey stated that this letter from S.H.A.R.E. reported on the final grants from the Ministry of Human Resources to S.H.A.F.T., Kincaid and Horizons for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1980. He stated that the negotiations for the next fiscal year should be completed, hopefully, by June.

In reply to a question from a member of the Committee, Lorne Harry stated that the main concern of Jim Karpoff, at any meetings Lorne Harry had with him, seem to be the matter of the cost of administering these programs. He stated that Jim Karpoff seemed to be concerned that S.H.A.R.E. was charging 7% off the top of these budgets for administration costs.

Phil Humphrey stated that the ~~new~~ <sup>new</sup> Chairman of S.H.A.R.E., John Wing, has expressed a concern about administration costs and there was a possibility that they may be charging the programs for services received only rather than a flat percentage rate.

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MOVED BY J. TAYLOR  
SECONDED BY J. KERYLUK

That the letter from S.H.A.R.E. Society be received; and further that this Committee write S.H.A.R.E. requesting a copy of their budget as well as an explanation of their administration costs; and further that a letter be sent to J. Karpoff, Regional Manager, Ministry of Human Resources, requesting a letter from him, outlining his position with regard to S.H.A.R.E. administration costs.

CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY

Phil Humphrey was asked to comment on the changes perceived for the Horizon program as outlined in the S.H.A.R.E. letter. Mr. Humphrey reported that they have been waiting seven years for developments along these lines. It is proposed to have a long term program with a group home attached. He stated his main concern is the fact that this program is expected to accommodate children between the ages of 12 to 17 and he felt there was a need for a separate resource for the 11 to 13 year olds; that they should not be in the same programs as the 14 to 17 year olds. He stated Horizon will possibly be moving to Maple Ridge, and their rezoning application will be going to Public Hearing on April 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Maple Ridge Council Chambers. He stated they would appreciate the Committee's support in this rezoning application as there appears to be some opposition to their application from the community.

Lorne Harry informed the meeting that he understands that Shirley Heslop of the Ministry of Human Resources has done a study on the needs of the community and that Jim Karpoff has set out in a report what he feels his priorities are over the next two or three years. The Chairman stated she would be contacting the Ministry of Human Resources and attempting to get copies of the reports for the next Committee meeting.

The Chairman requested that Lorne Harry and Phil Humphrey bring copies of their budgets to the next Committee meeting for the information of the Committee.

Alderman Mitchuk stated that he had samples of a method of zero base budgeting which he felt would be extremely easy for these organizations to follow and he would be happy to bring same with him to the next Committee meeting for perusal by the members.

MOVED BY J. TAYLOR  
SECONDED BY J. KERYLUK

That, on behalf of the Horizon Receiving and Assessment Centre, the Committee send a letter of support to the District of Maple Ridge relative to Horizons rezoning application; and further, that the Committee inform the members of the Council of the District of Maple Ridge that in this Committee's experience there have been no problems in the immediate community in which Horizon is presently located, that could be attributed to Horizon's presence in the community, as far as it has been brought to the Committee's attention.

CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY

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8 - REPORT - JUSTICE COUNCIL MEETING - MARCH 14, 1980.

The Chairman reported she had attended the March 14, 1980 Justice Council meeting and the Justice Council intends to have someone attend the Family Court Committee meetings as an advisory member.

She stated that while there were very few people in attendance at this Justice Council meeting, the R.C.M.P. Crime Prevention Unit attended and showed a film on crime prevention. There are four members in the Crime Prevention Unit and they go to all schools in this District showing these films to the students. Right now they are showing them to the elementary school students and next year hope to show them to the junior and senior secondary school students.

The general feeling of the Justice Council meeting was that the program was a good program and should be continued with perhaps a different presentation of the film planned for the older students.

The Chairman suggested to Phil Humphrey and Lorne Harry that perhaps these would be good films to show the youngsters at Horizon and S.H.A.F.T. to get their evaluation on the effectiveness of the films. Mrs. Francis stated that if they were interested they should contact Constable Cloutier at the R.C.M.P. office.

Mrs. Francis reported that they also had a representative from the Counter - Attack Program at the Justice Council meeting and he reported the Program has been quite ineffective for this area and they are attempting to look at ways to make the program more effective.

The Chairman mentioned that Doreen Kenmuir had served on the Family Court Committee for a great number of years and she felt it would be nice to send a letter of thanks from the Committee as well as some sort of memento.

MOVED BY D. ROSS  
SECONDED BY J. TAYLOR

That the Committee purchase a gift for Doreen Kenmuir in appreciation for her years of service on this Committee and that an accompanying letter of thanks be sent.

CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY

Lorne Harry suggested to the members of the Committee that the youngsters at S.H.A.F.T. could prepare a plaque of some sort which could be engraved and presented to Doreen Kenmuir and this was agreed to by the Committee members.

LETTER - VILLAGE OF BELCARRA - APPOINTMENT TO FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE.

MOVED BY R. MITCHUK  
SECONDED BY J. TAYLOR:

That the letter from the Village of Belcarra regarding the noted subject be received.

CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY

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9 - OTHER NEW BUSINESS.

Jon Taylor suggested that a topic for discussion at a future Family Court Committee meeting should be how the Family Court System has been affected by recent Court decisions.

ADJOURNMENT

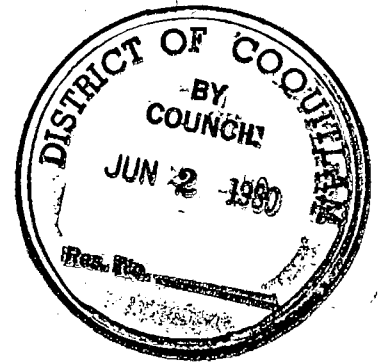
MOVED BY J. TAYLOR  
SECONDED BY J. KERYLUK

That the School District No. 43 Family Court Committee meeting adjourn. 10:15 p.m.

CARRIED  
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*Jae Francis.*

CHAIRMAN



FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 1980

The Forty-first meeting of the "School District No. 43 Joint Family Court Committee" was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Hall, 1111 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam, B.C. on Thursday, April 17, 1980 at 7:30 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Port Moody:	J. Taylor (Acting Chairman)
Port Coquitlam:	Alderman J. Keryluk J. Cathie D. Ross (Alternate)
Coquitlam:	Alderman R. Mitchuk K. Gillies M. Boulaine
Belcarra:	Alderman J. Threlfall (Alternate)
Also Present:	P. Humphrey - Horizon Receiving and Assessment J. Maddalozzo - Kincaid House W. Mudge - S.H.A.R.E. B. Roest - Probation Services S. Aikenhead - Secretary

1 - FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE MINUTES - MARCH 20, 1980.

Mr. Humphrey reported that there was an error in the last paragraph on the second page of the Minutes. The Minutes refer to Mr. John Wing as the new Chairman of S.H.A.R.E. and this should be corrected to read Vice Chairman of S.H.A.R.E.

MOVED BY R. MITCHUK  
SECONDED BY J. CATHIE

That the Family Court Committee Minutes of March 20, 1980 be approved with amendments as noted above.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2 - S.H.A.R.E. RE: S.H.A.R.E. BUDGET & MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES RE:

S.H.A.R.E. BUDGET.

Mr. Maddalozzo stated that the information sent to the Committee by S.H.A.R.E. is already a year old and he felt it would have been more informative if the Committee could have been provided with this year's estimates by S.H.A.R.E.. For example, he stated, Kincaid House is being charged about \$1,000. more this year for administration costs than is shown on this statement sent in by S.H.A.R.E.; that is, seven per cent of their budget goes for administration costs.

Mrs. Mudge pointed out that the Valley Region in Chilliwack charges 10 per cent for administration costs for administering various services.



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John Maddalozzo stated that they are now paying \$9,240, seven per cent of their \$132,000 budget for administration costs.

On a question from the Acting Chairman, Mr. Maddalozzo stated that they have started negotiations with the M. H. R. about future programs at Kincaid but they need to come a decision about what form the expansion will take. He went on to state that M. H. R. will be represented in these negotiations by Shari McGibbon and a District Supervisor, yet to be appointed. These people will be negotiating with S.H.A.R.E. for Kincaid. He stated that the budget will go from \$132,000 to approximately \$200,000; an addition of three more people plus money to improve the existing salaries and steno time. He informed the meeting that this process in other forms, will take place with Horizon and Shaft as well, that is, Kincaid negotiates the program and S.H.A.R.E. will be negotiating the money.

Mr. Maddalozzo went on to state that he thought administration costs will probably drop because it would be difficult to justify seven per cent on the increased budget. He stated that the bookkeeper would become part of the Kincaid staff and this would lessen the administration costs and it would show in Kincaid's books as a bookkeeping service.

3 - J. KARPOFF, MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES, PRIORITY LIST OF RESOURCES.

Phil Humphrey commented that according to Mr. Karpoff's priority list of resources they have \$200,000 budgetted for the Horizons program which would be about \$20,000 less than is required. It was pointed out by Mrs. Roest that this was just an approximation and not hard and fast figures.

The question was asked which program would take care of the older juvenile who needed secure treatment and Mrs. Roest stated that she thought none of them would. It has not been decided which ministry should take on this responsibility. She went on to state that according to rumor there has apparently now been a definite commitment for the building of a 26 bed unit at Maples, 20 secure beds and six beds for forensic psychiatry. At the present time the children requiring this treatment are being placed in Willingdon.

Mr. Maddalozzo stated that as far as he was concerned they had never had such a good working relationship with Human Resources as they have now. He stated that M. H. R. is letting them know what's going on and they have told him that nothing definite can happen until the budget is passed by the Legislature but he did feel that negotiations would be completed months ahead of last year's experience. He stated that if they are signing a contract by the end of June it would be four or five months sooner than last year but not only that, there is an improved relationship with the ministry people and they are willing to sit down and talk to them now.

Mr. Humphrey reported that the Public Hearing that was to be held in Maple Ridge regarding a proposed receiving and assessment centre they wish to locate in that District has been cancelled. He stated that the real estate agent informed him that the vendor on this property backed out of the sale due to neighbourhood pressure. He also informed the Committee that the owner of the property where Horizon is presently located is prepared to lease or sell this property to Horizon but the facility is unsuitable for long term treatment, so they would have to rebuild if they decided to expand.

Dorothy Ross informed the Committee that she had heard a rumor that there would be some effort to establish an alternate school program within two schools in School District 43. She stated it was her understanding that there would be one set up at Mary Hill School and one at a school in Coquitlam.

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Phil Humphrey stated that he had heard that there were two rooms being given to an alternate school at Glen School and possibly one other school.

Jon Taylor asked Wynn Mudge to inform S.H.A.R.E. Board that the Family Court Committee would like to know the stage of negotiations and satisfaction with same at the next Family Court Committee meeting.

STUDENT REPRESENTATION - FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE.

Karen Gillies informed the Committee that she felt it was getting into a bad time of year to attempt to get student representation on the Committee. She stated it would be very difficult to get someone out at this time of year because of exams. She also suggested that anyone they do get should be a grade 11 student in order to give them at least a two year term on the Committee.

Judith Cathie stated that she had talked to one of the school counsellors in Port Coquitlam and they did find someone who was interested in serving on the Committee but he has been unable to attend any of the meetings to date.

Dorothy Ross suggested that it would be a good idea to contact the student counsellors at the senior secondary schools and ask for names of interested persons.

It was suggested that the secretary send a letter to Rodney Lock of Port Coquitlam, the student who had expressed an interest in attending the Family Court Committee Meetings, inviting him to attend the May meeting to sit in and see if he would be interested in serving on the Committee.

It was also suggested that the secretary send a letter to each of the counsellors departments of the other senior secondary schools in School District No. 43, requesting that they be in touch with the junior high schools for names of students who will be entering grade 11 in the fall and who would be interested in sitting on the Family Court Committee as student representatives.

PLAQUE FOR DOREEN KENMUIR.

On a question from the Acting Chairman, John Maddalozzo stated that he would check with Lorne Harry on the progress of the plaque that is being made up for Doreen Kenmuir and he would let the Chairman know.

FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE MEETING - MAY - 1980.

It was decided that the next Family Court Committee meeting would be held on Thursday, May 15, 1980 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Hall, Coquitlam.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT FUTURE FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Suggested Items for discussion at future Family Court Committee meetings were:

1 - Juvenile Resources. It was suggested that the Committee try to get Mr. Alan Markwart of Coquitlam Probation Services out to a meeting to discuss juvenile problems in the province.

2 - Juvenile Psychiatric Facilities for juveniles who have to be contained. It was suggested that Dr. Blatherwick might be interested in speaking to the Committee on this subject.

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3 - The Problem of youngsters being left unsupervised after school until the parents arrive home from work. Dorothy Ross stated she felt there was a great need for some type of a program to supervise youngsters who are left on their own when their parents go to work. She stated that there is a program being initiated at Seaview School by Ralph Gardiner in this regard.

4 - How the Family Court System is being affected by recent Supreme Court Decisions. Bev Roest stated she understood there was a report being done in this regard and she thought it would be interesting to receive a copy of this for discussion.

S.H.A.R.E. MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE.

John Maddalozzo informed the Committee that the annual S.H.A.R.E. membership meeting is coming up at the end of May. He stated he felt there were a lot of people on this Committee who would be excellent candidates to sit on the S.H.A.R.E. Board. He stated that S.H.A.R.E. will be expanding the Board and membership will be open to individuals and if any member is interested to please fill out the questionnaire and apply for membership.

ALDERMAN MITCHUK - SIMPLIFYING FUNDING REQUESTS.

Alderman Mitchuk informed the meeting that he had received a booklet called "Directory of Services" for B.C. which lists most services provided in the Province of B.C. and there is such a vast duplication of services he stated he could understand the Minister of Human Resources hesitation, when requests for further funding come in from the various agencies.

He stated he would contact Mr. Jim Karpoff of the Ministry of Human Resources to discuss any problems he might have with the Minister regarding obtaining funds. Alderman Mitchuk went on to state that he felt the secret is a presentation in a very simplified form, a one page presentation using zero based budgetting and cost benefit analysis.

ADJOURNMENT:

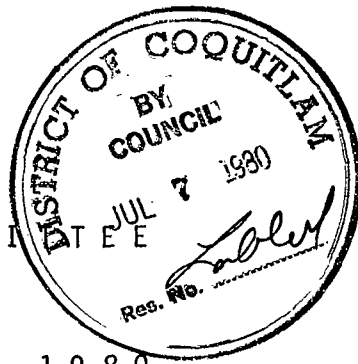
MOVED BY J. CATHIE  
SECONDED BY R. MITCHUK

That the Family Court Committee meeting adjourn - 9:30 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

  
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CHAIRMAN

FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE  
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THURSDAY, MAY 15, 1980



The Forty-second meeting of the "School District No. 43 Joint Family Court Committee" was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Hall, 1111 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam, B.C. on Thursday, May 15, 1980 at 7:30 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Port Moody:	S. Francis (Chairman) J. Taylor
Port Coquitlam:	D. Ross (Alternate)
Coquitlam:	K. Gillies A. Emerson
Electoral Area B:	L. Weinberg
Also Present:	P. Humphrey - Horizon Receiving and Assessment B. Roest - Probation Services L. Harry - S.H.A.F.T. D. Burnham - S.H.A.R.E. S. Aikenhead - Secretary

1. FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE MINUTES - APRIL 17, 1980.

MOVED BY K. GILLIES  
SECONDED BY D. ROSS

That the Family Court Committee minutes of April 17, 1980 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. ALAN MARKWART, PROBATION OFFICER, RE: JUVENILE RESOURCES.

Mr. Markwart informed the Committee that he had done a study on Juvenile Resources in the province of B.C. to determine if there were adequate facilities for dealing with juveniles or if the resources were adequate but being overused. He went on to state that Willingdon has a capacity for 51 juveniles and over the last year has been operating on many occasions over-capacity to a high of 89 juveniles at one point. He stated the intent of his study was to determine why Willingdon was overcrowded.

Mr. Markwart told the Committee that he had done a regional breakdown on use of containment in the six regional court areas in the province. He stated that this way they could identify which region was overusing or underusing containment as a solution to the juvenile problem.

He informed the Committee that the North Fraser Region, which covers School District No. 43, had a good record as they were not overusing the containment facilities. He stated that two regions that were overusing, were the Northern Region of the province and the Vancouver Island Region. He went on to inform the Committee that about 50% of the juveniles in containment had not been involved in dangerous offences and that the original purpose of the containment program was to protect the public from dangerous, hardcore juveniles. He stated that in 75% of the cases, the probation officers recommended containment and were offering no alternatives. He went on to list guidelines that are supposed to be followed before juveniles are placed in containment:

1. You have to ensure that before the juvenile is contained he must have counsel.  
In 27% of the cases this was not done.
2. The probation officer is supposed to find out if there is bed space available.  
In 33% of the cases this procedure was not followed.
3. That there be a written predisposition report.  
In 50% of the cases this was not done.

Of 73 cases studied Mr. Markwart reported that in only 33% were the procedures followed. Mr. Markwart listed legislative criteria to be followed before juveniles are placed in containment:

1. A juvenile must be 14 years of age or older.  
All juveniles studied met this criteria
2. The offence must be an offence for which an adult would have been sentenced to at least two years in jail.  
Mr. Markwart stated that one girl placed in containment was in there for her second offence of shoplifting.

Mr. Markwart stated that to prevent this type of thing from happening they should be demanding that all alternative resources be exhausted before containment is recommended. He stated that in his study he found that all available provincial resources are not exhausted in 61.6% of the cases. Mr. Markwart further stated that 45% of the kids had been recommended for containment inappropriately. He stated that in these cases all available alternatives had not been tried by the probation officer or the juvenile's previous history had not justified sending them away to containment, which should be tried as the last resort.

He stated that he feels there is a primary treatment resource needed and a need for secure psychiatric treatment resources. He stated that kids are being sent to containment because the DASH and House of Concord Programs are full. He went on to state that the kids are being dumped into containment because of an absence of an alternative to containment and also some pretty shoddy casework in some cases.

Mr. Markwart hastened to point out that in his review of appropriateness of the cases for containment, he found no cases from the North Fraser Region that were inappropriately referred. He stated that the case-workers in this area are doing a good job and also this area is reasonably resource rich.

With regard to remand, the record for the use of remand in the North Fraser Region is good. He stated the problem areas seem to be Vancouver and Vancouver Island. In 10% of the cases the children were in remand specifically for psychiatric assessment and Mr. Markwart felt they should be more appropriately placed in a secure psychiatric treatment centre. He also stated that he asked the probation officers if the juveniles could have been held in private remand homes, group remand homes or some other type of facility and in 55% of the cases the probation officers felt the juveniles could have been held in these alternative homes if they were available.

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Mr. Markwart stated that his recommendations to his department were:

1. Development of a secure psychiatric treatment centre.
2. Expansion of attendance type programs such as DASH.
3. Developing a policy statement regarding use of containment.
4. Developing a model on supervision so that before a probation officer recommends containment he has to fill out a check list to ensure all criteria have been met, and then consult with the local director and further send a report off to the district director for review. He stated that the Committee had decided to extend this to remand as well.
5. Development of regional and subregional remand programs with a need for special resources particularly in the North Island and North Regions.
6. Improvement of Psychiatric Assessment capabilities for smaller communities. He stated the only means of getting psychiatric assessment in small communities as the present time is to send the juveniles down to Willingdon for 30 days.
7. He stated there are problems with the Bail Reform Act and he would recommend that there be some sort of a constant application of the principles of this Act.

Mr. Markwart stated that he felt the main problems they now have are with management and lack of resources rather than faulting probation officers.

Mr. Markwart was thanked by the Committee for attending the meeting and he left at this time.

3. GEORGE CURRIE - WORKSHOP TO EMPLOY EMOTIONALLY, SOCIALLY AND/OR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED.

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Mr. George Currie and Lynn Buckley appeared before the Committee in regard to this matter. Mr. Currie informed the Committee that he had started with Incentive Crafts some time ago as an instructor and soon discovered that although there was nothing wrong with the intent of their project, they were making items that only a cabinet maker could make and therefore the operation eventually failed. He stated that he had changed the concept of the operation under his new company, Adorable Products, and the primary products now are doll houses, doll furniture, desk sets, planters and other marketable products. He stated that all of these products were designed with one purpose in mind; so they could be built easily by persons not familiar with carpentry. He informed the Committee that he has taken a year to set up the shop and design the products so they can be easily made by most people and all of his capital equipment is paid for. He stated that he desperately needs operating money to start this operation going, and that if he had enough money to carry on for approximately six months he could make a go of it. He stated that he knows that he can successfully deal with the emotionally, socially or physically handicapped as he has done this through Incentive Crafts previously. He stated that working in this crafts shop teaches the employees to go to work on a regular basis and do an honest day's work. Further, these people all want to feel useful and they want to be equipped to enter the work force and to be able to function in society.

Mr. Currie stated that he knows there is a need for this type of program in the community and he wanted to be able to help anyone that needed help and not be limited to just helping juveniles, adult offenders, or any other particular group. He wanted to be able to help any and all persons that come to him for help.

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On a question from a Member of the Committee he stated that at the present time he could take on five people but he could handle more in time to come on a gradual basis. He stated that most of the people he wanted to help have never achieved anything in their lives and therefore he has designed all the products so they can easily be built by people who have had no woodworking experience and they can experience a feeling of achievement.

On a question from the Committee, Mr. Currie reported that he was attempting to get funding and had written letters to Dr. Little, Ministry of Human Resources, the Attorney General's Department and further, he had approached both M.L.A.s for this area who referred him on to the Family Court Committee. He also stated that he has spoken to ManPower and that they will pay 50% of the salaries in projects such as this but they do not have any funding monies for operating.

It was suggested to Mr. Currie that the LEAP program may be helpful as they do provide funds occasionally for seed money to start a company.

It was also suggested to Mr. Currie that in his approach to any department requesting funding he should have in mind a certain target group such as juveniles or adult offenders and that he should focus in on a particular type of a program and a particular group of people he wishes to help.

It was further pointed out to Mr. Currie that while he may not want to be restricted to helping one certain type of individual, by focusing on a target group it would enable him to obtain funding more easily and once his company is independent he could branch out into the areas he wished.

The Chairman Thanked Mr. Currie for attending the meeting and he left at this time.

PYSCHIATRIC FACILITIES - EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED JUVENILES.

It was suggested that perhaps Dr. Blatherwick could be invited to speak to this Committee relative to the role of the Ministry of Health in regard to providing secure psychiatric treatment facilities for emotionally disturbed children as well as the role of the Interministerial Children's Committee.

It was further suggested that the Victoria Family Court Committee be contacted for advice relative to this subject as they apparently have had some success in lobbying someone at the Provincial Government level.

MOVED BY L. WEINBERG  
SECONDED BY K. GILLIES

That the Family Court Committee contact the Victoria Family Court Committee in order to identify the groups they are lobbying regarding the problem of psychiatric treatment for juvenile offenders; And Further That the Coquitlam and Victoria Family Court Committees plan to coordinate, this fall, some activities which will create public awareness regarding this problem in both communities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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5. LETTERS FROM PORT MOODY AND PORT COQUITLAM - RATIFICATION OF FAMILY COURT BUDGET AND APPOINTMENTS.

MOVED BY D. ROSS  
SECONDED BY K. GILLIES

That the letters from the cities of Port Coquitlam and Port Moody be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

L. HARRY - S. H. A. F. T. PROGRAM.

Lorne Harry informed the Committee that although he has nothing official to report, there have been some developments regarding the S.H.A.F.T. Program. He reported that as of September S.H.A.F.T. apparently will be directly funded to the School District with regard to Ministry of Human Resources funds at least. He stated that he did not know if the Attorney General's Department funds would still go through S.H.A.R.E. or not.

Mr. Harry further reported that enrollment at S.H.A.R.E. will increase to 26 children with an additional teacher and an additional child care worker being hired. He stated that there will have to be a lot of hard negotiations taking place by the Ministry of Human Resources. If they are not careful about how they set up their operation of the program it might eventually be consumed by the school district and become just another school. He stated that he had expressed his concerns in regard to this. The entrance requirements for S.H.A.F.T. will at the present time stay the same, however, there will have to be some controls put on by the Ministry of Human Resources or there is a great danger that S.H.A.F.T. will just become a dumping ground for the schools.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED BY L. WEINBERG  
SECONDED BY K. GILLIES

That the Family Court Committee Meeting adjourn, 10:25 p.m.

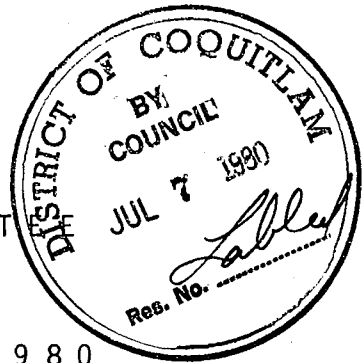
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CHAIRMAN



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THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 1980



The Forty-third meeting of the "School District No. 43 Joint Family Court Committee" was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Hall, 1111 Brunette Avenue, Coquitlam, B.C. on Thursday, June 19, 1980 at 7:30 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Port Moody:	J. Taylor (Vice Chairman)
Port Coquitlam:	Alderman J. Keryluk J. Cathie
Coquitlam:	Alderman R. Mitchuk
Electoral Area B:	L. Weinberg
Also Present:	P. Humphrey - Horizon Receiving and Assessment B. Roest - Probation Services L. Harry - S.H.A.F.T. J. Maddalozzo - Kincaid House S. Aikenhead - Secretary

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MOVED BY J. CATHIE  
SECONDED BY L. WEINBERG

That the Family Court Committee Minutes of May 15, 1980 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

S. MCKIBBEN, MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES - PROPOSED RESOURCES FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 - 1980 - 81.

Sherry McKibben stated that she will be the new representative from the Ministry of Human Resources to the Family Court Committee for this year.

She informed the Committee that as Mr. Karpoff was unable to attend the meeting this evening she was here to speak on his behalf.

She stated that the Ministry had received a substantial amount of money for this year for the School Districts No. 43 area. She listed the following areas where monies will be spent:

- 1 - Increased funding to already existing programs so that these resources will be adequately funded.
- 2 - <sup>Kincaid</sup>Horizons - setup new special care home project as well as extending the services they offer to the 11 - 13 year olds - 10 students.
- 3 - Opening a seven bed receiving facility for teenagers.
- 4 - Opening a eight bed, short term stay facility in conjunction with the Attorney General's Department.

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- 5 - Provide a number of additional workers in the schools; additional monies will be going into S.H.A.F.T. so they can increase the size of their program to 28 children.
- 6 - Setting up two additional five bed group homes.
- 7 - Setting up a six bed treatment centre for children with the Browndale Society.

Ms. McKibben was asked if the seven and eight bed facilities were emergency facilities and she replied that yes they were, part of their mandate will be to provide some sort of remand service for children that should not go into more secure facilities.

John Maddalozzo of Kincaid House outlined to the Committee what the increased funds would mean to his program at Kincaid. He stated that they presently have 12 children that come to the Kincaid House and they serve eight children through an Outreach program. In the expansion they will be setting up four to six therapeutic foster homes with up to eight children in these homes. At Kincaid Centre they will be opening up a second classroom. At the present time they are serving 12 children ages six to twelve years. They will be increasing the service to cover 13 year olds also, dividing the children into six to ten year olds and eleven to thirteen year olds. For this part of the program they will be hiring two more workers and the school district will be providing a teacher and a teachers' aide for this program.

Ms. McKibben was asked if the five bed facilities would take in teenagers and she replied that she was not sure at this time, but suggestions were welcome.

She went on to state that a variety of children can be handled in group home settings and it depends on how you start and fund them as to what you provide in that home. Basic items are house parents and relief parents for children who cannot live in families. You can add any extras to those programs thereby providing other services to these children. In the Horizons program, the five bed facility, Human Resources will probably add in some child care staff whose purpose will be life skill development for the children in residence. She stated she was not sure of other additional staff for Horizons at this time. She went on to report that the Horizons program is switching to a long term program for teens.

Ms. McKibben was asked if there was anything planned in the community to deal with the short fall between containment and these group homes. Ms. McKibben replied that none of the facilities they are opening will be "Locked facilities". The eight bed facility they are running in conjunction with the Attorney General's Department will be staffed well enough that the children will be well supervised.

Phil Humphrey informed the Committee that the group homes can be considered an extension of the Horizons program. Children will come in and go through a short assessment of eight weeks during which time a plan of treatment will be discussed. They would then move into the stage one. There are four stages in the program, the first three are development stages and the fourth stage would be preparation for graduation at which time they would know where they were going after they were discharged, ie: alternate placement, foster home alternate living situation or into Horizons II.

If the child goes into the Horizons II program the treatment plan would be followed through. The time frame for each of these programs would be six to eighteen months so they would be looking at a possibility of having a child for a total of three years.

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It was pointed out to the Committee that for all resources mentioned, the Ministry of Human Resources is the only admitting agency. They will be doing the screening and deciding the appropriateness of the placement. They will also have a waiting list for the program and when Horizons have an opening they will take the next child on the waiting list with the option of rejection if necessary. Phil Humphrey informed the Committee that they have a long term home situated at 734 MacIntosh Street and they will be moving in August 1st. During August they will then renovate the old home and open it again on September 1st.

Ms. McKibben was asked about the admission policy for the seven and eight bed facilities. She informed the Committee that the admissions policy will be on a straight first come first served basis. There will not be any placement criteria as there are with the other resources. She stated that while the admissions will go through the Ministry of Human Resources, the procedure will not be quite the same, admissions need to be quicker. The resources will still have the right to veto or reject a child.

Ms. McKibben stated that one of their objectives in terms of developing facilities is to develop a range of facilities so they have some options open to them in referring children, ie: foster homes, special care homes. She stated the Ministry of Human Resources do not see themselves responsible for running psychiatric facilities. They have expertise in taking care of children whose problems are not of a psychiatric nature. There are discussions going on about opening up a joint psychiatric facility or encouraging the health department to open up a psychiatric facility.

Ms. McKibben was asked if the Ministry of Human Resources had the facilities for finding and dealing with problem children before they reach the point of being referred to Kincaid Centre. She replied that the Ministry does not have these facilities and that the vast majority of staff time goes into chronic severe and acute situations.

Lorne Harry informed the Committee that since the meeting last month he has had numerous talks with Tom Harris of School District No. 43 and Mr. Harris has assured him that they are very aware of the uniqueness of the S.H.A.F.T. program and they are very prepared to support them.

Bev Roest stated she was wondering if this Committee felt it could play a role in getting the average person in the community to realize that they have a responsibility to the type of children we are talking about and that these people have resources that could be utilized. She stated that there are many people who are reluctant to offer their services by taking children into their homes or even into their neighbourhoods ie: when it comes to public hearings for rezonings for group homes. Could a public relations campaign be instituted to get community support for these programs.

Phil Humphrey informed the Committee that next week they will starting a public relations campaign in the neighbourhood of their long term home at MacIntosh Street and he would like a letter of support from the Committee which he could distribute to the people in the neighbourhood. He stated they are putting together a package of who they are and what they are doing and would like a letter to go with it from the Family Court Committee.

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MOVED BY J. CATHIE  
SECONDED BY L. WEINBERG

That a letter of support from the Family Court Committee be supplied to Horizons to accompany their public relations package they will be distributing in the Coquitlam area relating to the opening of their long term home on MacIntosh Street; and  
That a press release be issued to the two weekly newspapers as well on this subject.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

John Maddalozzo stated that he would just like to thank Sherry McKibben and Jim Karpoff for their very responsive attitude to the problems of the various resources this year. He stated that in his dealings with these people he has found they have a very positive attitude and he is most pleased with the results of their negotiations. Phil Humphrey concurred with this.

Lorne Harry informed the Committee that the Ministry of Human Resources are providing them with additional child care counsellors, another teacher, a teachers' aide and more program money. He stated they will be in a position where money and support will not be an issue any longer. He informed the Committee that the Ministry of Human Resources have put together a sound package for S.H.A.F.T. and that Tom Harris, as well, had a significant impact on the successful outcome of this program.

Mr. Taylor informed the Committee that they should keep in mind that as quickly as the Committee has seen a change in position on the part of the Ministry of Human Resources with regard to youth services in School District No. 43, we could be in difficult times again. If the time comes when the Government or local administrations are not as sympathetic as they are today, he stated he would hate to see the S.H.A.R.E. society atrophied and this Committee should be jealous of S.H.A.R.E.'s ability to operate on its own independent of what the government is going to do. It took a long time for S.H.A.R.E. to become effective and we don't want to lose that.

Sherry McKibben stated that one of the differences between the S.H.A.R.E. society and societies in Vancouver is that the ones in Vancouver have other sources of funding.

VILLAGE OF BELCARRA - RATIFICATION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN POSITIONS.

MOVED BY J. KERYLUK  
SECONDED BY L. WEINBERG

That the letter from the Village of Belcarra be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mrs. Weinberg stated that she had recently heard that the City of Port Moody Council has discussed the feasibility of splitting up the School District into individual areas covering each municipality. She stated she felt we should be aware that this has been discussed and that Port Moody has officially asked the adjoining municipalities to discuss this possibility as this has very wide ranging consequences.

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ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED BY J. KERYLUK  
SECONDED BY L. WEINBERG

That the Family Court Committee Meeting adjourn. 9:25 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

  
CHAIRMAN