

FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43
JOINT FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1988

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A meeting of the School District No. 43 Joint Family Court Committee was held in the Conference Room of City Hall, 2425 St. John's Street, Port Moody B.C. on Wednesday, January 13, 1988.

PRESENT:

- Mr. Phil Macleod - Acting Chairman, Dist. of Coquitlam
- Alderman Ann Hulbert - Member, City of Port Moody
- Mr. Emil Gobes - Member, City of Port Moody
- Alderman Ron Talbot - Member, City of Port Coquitlam
- Mr. George Coghlan - Member, District of Coquitlam
- Mrs. Freda Hart - Member, District of Coquitlam
- Mrs. Lorna Morford - Member, District of Coquitlam
- Ms. Sara McEwan - Probation & Family Court Services
- Ms. Patience Silbernagel - Port Coquitlam Mental Health

ABSENT:

- Alderman O'Hirko - Member, District of Coquitlam
- Mr. G. Sigmund - Member, District of Coquitlam
- Mrs. Adele Viznowski - Alternate Member, Dist. of Coquitlam
- Mr. Al Argue - School District #43
- Mr. Dale Christenson - Community Resources Coordinator
- Ms. Jeanette Cox - Ministry of Social Services & Housing
- Ms. Martha Joy-Campbell - Horizon Treatment Homes
- Joanne Granek - Kincaid Family & Children's Resource
- Constable R. Nelson - Port Moody Police Department
- Mr. Deryck Newton - Probation & Family Court Services

REGRETS:

- Mrs. Wyn Mudge - Coquitlam S.H.A.R.E. Society

Mr. Phil Macleod, Acting Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

The Chairman introduced the new members to the Committee.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Mr. Phil Macleod, Acting Chairman, indicated he would be willing to stand as Chairman for 1988 and called for Nominations for this position. There were no other nominations and it was

Moved by Lorna Morford

Seconded by Freda Hart THAT Mr. Phil Macleod be appointed Chairman of the Joint Family Court Committee for the year 1988.

Carried Unanimously . . .

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

NIL

3. RESOURCE REPORTS

3.1 Ms. Patience Silbernagel
Port Coquitlam Mental Health

Ms. Silbernagel reported on the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programme which had set up provision for an additional service at the Eagle Ridge Hospital involving an out patient clinic with three Counsellors to work with adults and youth in the School District #43 area. This Programme was approved by the Eagle Ridge Hospital Board but has been cancelled by Alcohol & Drug Abuse due to budget restraints.

The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programme comes under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Health and Coquitlam is under the Vancouver Regional District. It was suggested that the Committee contact the Ministry of Health questioning this cut. The Committee agreed to obtain statistics on Alcohol and Drug Abuse in District #43 before corresponding with the Ministry of Health.

Moved by Freda Hart

Seconded by George Coghlan THAT the Family Court Committee invite Mr. Karl Stroh, Regional Director, Alcohol & Drug Abuse, to attend the February Committee Meeting to discuss the matter of Counsellors for the School District #43 area.

Carried Unanimously ...

3. RESOURCE REPORTS (CONTINUED) 3.1

Further discussion ensued and it was decided to contact Dale Christenson, R.C.M.P. Liaison Officer, and obtain all available statistics for the Committee to review prior to Mr. Stroh's appearance.

3.2 Ms. Sara McEwan
- Probation and Family Court Services

Ms. McEwan explained there are two offices serving District #43, one in Port Coquitlam and one on the Barnet Highway. Probation Services deals with Young Offenders before, during and after Court. One of the issues before this Committee in 1987, was the temporary facility housing Probation Services and the Court House. The physical condition of the two-story Trailer that serves as Court House and Justice Facility is extremely inadequate. Listed below are some examples:

- improper waiting room (in sexual abuse cases victim and defendants are side by side in the same room)
- no ramps for handicapped persons
- no elevators.

The second issue from 1987 is Community Resource Homes for young offenders (under 18 yrs.) charged with an offense but for one reason or another unable to reside with their family. These homes provide supervision and a place to live for these offenders while waiting for their Court appearance. There is one home on Como Lake Road (open since August, 1987) and one coming up in Port Coquitlam to house these young offenders; these homes are funded entirely by the Attorney General's Department.

Ms. McEwan noted that Probation and Family Services is being considered for privatization by the Attorney General's Department.

3. RESOURCE REPORTS (CONTINUED) 3.2

Discussion ensued on the matter of the temporary Court Facilities and their inadequacies. The Secretary was requested to pull the report submitted to the Attorney General approximately 3 years ago, copy and forward it to members prior to the February Meeting. The Committee would like to make the construction of a new Court House Facility a priority issue.

Moved by Alderman Hulbert

Seconded by R. Talbot THAT the previous report to the Attorney General be reviewed and updated by this Committee.

Carried Unanimously ...

4. OLD BUSINESS

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Correspondence re 1988 Appointees to Family Court Committee:

- 5.1.1 City of Port Coquitlam - Alderman R.H. Talbot
- 5.1.2 City of Port Moody - Alderman A.C. Hulbert and
Mr. Emil Gobes

These two items received for information.

The Chairman circulated two items of correspondence submitted to him prior to the meeting:

5.2 B.C. Council for the Family re Distinguished Service to Families Award (Deadline March, 1988)

5.3 The Youth Justice Institute of B.C. - Program Schedule for January to March, 1988

Moved by Alderman Talbot

Seconded by Freda Hart THAT these items be received and circulated to members.

Carried Unanimously ...

5. NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

5.4 Resource Night

Discussion centered on a Resource Night to be held and the Committee passed the following resolution:

Moved by Freda Hart

Seconded by Emil Gobes THAT the resource representatives be invited to attend the March 16, 1988 Meeting to make a short presentation to the Committee.

Carried Unanimously ...

The following points were made in reference to the resource presentation:

- there are ten resource representatives listed
- a time limit to be put on each presentation
- hand written information sheet should be submitted to the Secretary for attachment to the Agenda.

5.5 Family Court Committee Mandate

The mandate of the Family Court Committee was explained for benefit of new members to this Committee, at their request. Discussion ensued on the value of a Familiarization Course for new Family Court Committee Members. It was suggested the Committee contact the Attorney General's Department and request a representative come to a future meeting, to inform new members of the complete mandate and their responsibilities as members of this Committee. Sara McEwan stated that she would contact the Attorney General's office on this matter and report back to the Committee.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.6 Honorarium to 1987 F.C.C. Secretary

The Chairman advised that Karen Laustrup, Secretary of the 1987 Family Court Committee, was presented an Honorarium in the amount of \$75.00 at the December, 1987 Meeting and a resolution to authorize this item is required.

Moved by Freda Hart

Seconded George Coghlan THAT the Honorarium to the Secretary of the Committee for the year 1987 continue as before, in the amount of \$75.00.

Carried Unanimously ...

5.7 Family Court Committee Budget

Discussion was entered into in reference to the Budget for Family Court. The Chairman advised the normal Budget for Family Court is \$1,300. per year and each Municipality is responsible for this amount during the year they handle the Secretarial duties. All expenditures are to be approved by the Committee and submitted to the Secretary for payment.

Moved by Alderman Hulbert

Seconded by Lorna Morford THAT the 1988 Budget for Family Court Committee be struck in the amount of \$1,300 and the Secretary be requested to send invoices to the five Municipalities for their share as per the Simon Fraser Cost Sharing Formula.

Alderman Hulbert requested a report for the next meeting detailing the expenditures from 1987.

Moved by Alderman Hulbert

Seconded by Lorna Morford THAT the Budget for 1988 Family Court Committee be tabled to allow for a review of 1987 expenditures and update Budget amount if required.

Carried Unanimously ...

- 5.8 The Chairman read a newspaper item re a series of Seminars designed to explore some current issues facing women. The second of this series is being held in the Terry Fox Library on January 20, 1988.

5. NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

- 5.9 The Committee requested the Village of Anmore and Village of Belcarra be added to the mailing list for Family Court Committee Minutes.
- 5.10 Sara McEwen advised that the Attorney General's Ministry provided funding, upon request, for the Wife Assault Workshop put on by the 1986 Committee; the Municipality also provided funding.

6. MEETING DATE

Following considerable discussion the following motion was passed:

Moved by Alderman Hulbert

Seconded by Freda Hart THAT regular meeting date for 1988 continue as the 2nd Wednesday every month, commencing at 7:30 P.M.

Carried ...

Abstained - Lorna Morford

NEXT MEETING DATE - FEBRUARY 10, 1988

7. TERMINATION - TIME 9:45 P.M.

Moved by Ron4 Talbot

Seconded by Freda Hart

Chairman

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Secretary

NOTE: SEE ITEM 5.6 RE THE BUDGET - THE SECRETARY HAS CONFIRMED THAT EACH MUNICIPALITY PAYS FOR THE BUDGET ITEMS DURING THE YEAR THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SECRETARIAL DUTIES, THEY ARE NOT BILLED EACH YEAR.

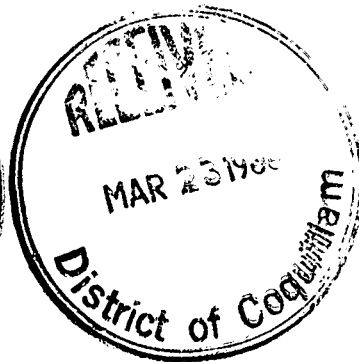
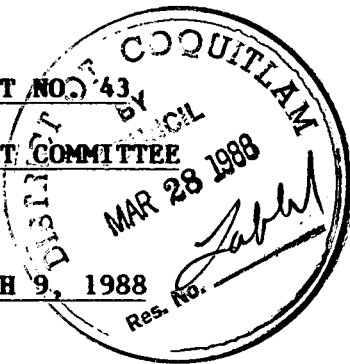
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MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 1988



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PRESENT:

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- Alderman Ann Hulbert - Member, City of Port Moody
- Mr. Emil Gobes - Member, City of Port Moody
- ** Ms. Alison White - Member, City of Port Moody
- Mrs. Freda Hart - Member, District of Coquitlam
- Mrs. Lorna Morford - Member, District of Coquitlam

ABSENT:

- Alderman Talbot (R) - Member, City of Port Coquitlam
- Mr. George Coghlan (R) - Member, District of Coquitlam
- Mr. G. Sigmund - Member, District of Coquitlam
- Mr. L. Stevens (R) - Member, City of Port Coquitlam

(R) - REGRETS

Mr. Phil Macleod, Chairman, called the Meeting to Order at 7:35 P.M.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

** - Dealt with later in the Minutes

2. RESOURCE REPORTS

The Chairman requested Committee Members and Resource persons to introduce themselves for the benefit of new members and stated the Resource persons will give a brief resume of their facilities and services, following which Members will have an opportunity to ask questions.

2. RESOURCE REPORTS (CONTINUED)

2.1 School District #43 - Mr. Al Argue

Mr. Argue stated the School District has shown a large growth increase, 550 students over the year; student population now stands at 21,700. If the Westwood Plateau goes as expected the growth will continue. In reference to student drop-out statistics he advised four students under the age of 15 are total drop outs. Drop out statistics are hard to determine as some students return to school, some are adults; with the Semester system large numbers of students come back into the system, one way or another.

The School District is involved in the Neglected Children Committee; two meetings have been held and they will meet again on March 23rd. Part of the mandate is to look at hungry children, overall neglect and to make more effective use of resources now available in our community.

School District #43 appears to have more Special Needs Students that other areas, possibly due to the growth rate in this district.

Mr. Argue continued, Special Programs for students include district-based and school-based programs. Alternate programs include; Kincaid Resource, CAP II, CABE, Step-up, Ioco. Mr. Gobes requested a brief explanation of some of these programs:

CABE

- 3 Teachers
- 60 students - 16 yrs. or over who have dropped out of School and returned.
- applicants to pass a Grade 6 Level test in order to enter program
- program provides Grade 10 equivalent

IOCO

- Jointly funded program/Social Services & Housing
- Child Care Workers
- 3 Teachers and Secretarial staff

STEP-UP

- Series of 3 Programmes for Junior Secondary Students who have dropped out and can re-enter the School system
- support system
- maximum time in program - one year

2. RESOURCE REPORTS (CONTINUED)

2.2 Coquitlam SHARE Society - Joanne Granek

Mrs. Granek stated the SHARE information package shown on the Agenda does not represent SHARE as it is now, due to very recent re-structuring. A new package will be available soon.

Mrs. Granek advised of the following changes:

Previous 5 Divisions are now structured into 3 Divisions as follows:

New Executive Director as of August, 1987 - Mr. Alan Gord

1) Family & Children Services
Director - J. Granek:

Day programs which includes CAP II & Kincaid.

Family counselling (under 1 Supervisor)

Outreach Services:

- Includes special services to children
- Community outreach services (3 different Programms)
- Supervisors for each unit

2) Residential Services (formerly Horizon Centre)
Division Director - Martha Joy-Campbell

Horizon Treatment Home (Residential Treatment Program):

- serves children 13 to 16 years; co-educational

Omega Program:

- serves children 16 to 18 years

Satellite Program:

- 3 homes in the community; each family to take up to 2 children in their homes for a 2 month assessment period; children who are difficult to place

Each of these have their own supervisor

3) Community Services (formerly SHARE Enterprises)
Division Director - Derek Murphy

- Thrift Store
- Food Bank
- Pre-Employment Training
- Housing
- Recycling

Goals are to assess situation of lower to moderate income households;

2. RESOURCE REPORTS (CONTINUED) 2.2

Funding is provided jointly by Ministry of Social Services and Housing and more recently the Ministry of Health; funding is also provided through the United Way, and SHARE. There are also some Cost Recovery Programs; The School District provides in-kind support.

Kincaid Treatment & Resource Program:

This program is targeted for Elementary School age children who are no longer manageable in the classroom; there is a primary class and an intermediate class; this program is for families who are generally having difficulties; Kincaid works with both the family and children; many of these families, either the children or the adults, have a history of sexual abuse. It is a treatment program with a Teacher, Aide and as well a Behavioral Counsellor and Family Counsellor in the classroom.

CAP II

This program is for teenagers; 1/2 day School Program. A Teacher from the School District spends 1/2 day instructing; 1/2 day instruction in life Skills (cooking skills, how to go shopping, etc.), developing social skills.

Note: Family Counselling includes the Lifeline Crisis and Information Centre; 24 hour crisis and telephone line staffed by volunteers.

Suicide Prevention Program

- Recently received funding from Ministry of Health
- To serve the Tri-City Areas as well as City of New Westminster
- One full time worker hired
- Involves mainly suicide assessment
- Give presentations in Schools
- Teaching to students, families, teachers, school counsellors and school principals; Teaching them how to read signs and symptoms.

In some cases workers from Mental Health are required to be contacted for their expertise in areas beyond our knowledge.

2. RESOURCE REPORTS (CONTINUED)

2.3 Ministry of Social Services & Housing - Jeanette Cox

Ms. Cox stated briefly that the Ministry is responsible for 70 programs and circulated packages to the members for their information, containing brochures on some of the Ministry programs.

The Ministry is currently undergoing massive reorganization to separate their functions, change site locations and move their boundaries.

Some of their responsibilities and information services are as follows:

- GAIN Income Assistance
- GAIN Income Assistance - Appeal Process
- GAIN for Seniors
- Services Supporting Independence of Seniors
- Employment Subsidy Program
- The Job Action Program
- Day Care Subsidy Program
- SAFER - Shelter Aid for Elderly Renters
- Senior Citizens' Counsellors
- Housing Programs
- Reconnect Services for Street Kids
- Infant Development
- Adoption in B. C.
- Fostering & Foster Care
- Community Living (Services for Mentally Retarded)

ACT II is a program funded by the Ministry which enhances and improves services to mentally handicapped persons.

Ms. Cox continued that the Ministry is planning on closing Woodland School in the near future. Project "88" target is to have two homes in the Coquitlam area to relocate residents with proper support staff. Project "89" involves the closing of Alderwood Lodge by March 31, 1989;

** Alison White left the meeting.

2. RESOURCE REPORTS (CONTINUED)

2.4 Port Moody Police Department - Constable R. Lindsay

Constable Lindsay stated that normally the Police Department would not have any referrals and little involvement with Family Court.

Constable Lindsay stated he is involved in the Crime Prevention Unit for the Police Department; one of their most important programs is to contact the Elementary Schools; they are in the process of endeavoring to set up programs for the Junior and Senior High Schools; they are also trying to set up Workshops to deal with some of the more serious problems and to make the students aware of the problems and the effects of same; there are programs set up at the Elementary level to discuss drugs, seat belts, vandalism etc. The projected programs would involve lectures and meetings with school students during lunch hours to discuss any concerns or problems they might have.

There is also involvement with Block Parent and Crime Watch.

Constable Lindsay indicated the importance of identifying the needs of the community; trying to initiate additional programs where required. He continued that there is a need for additional staff in the Crime Watch Program; currently most of his time is spent giving lectures and speaking engagements; there is not enough time to initiate many programs he would like to see started. He continued that if the Committee has any programs they want improved he is prepared to meet with the Committee to discuss how he can be of assistance.

He would like to initiate the following

- contact the downtown business community to identify the needs of the community
- contact Community Associations for their input
- start a Marine Watch Program
- senior citizens involvement
- involvement with Victims Assistance

2. RESOURCE REPORTS (CONTINUED)

2.5 Coquitlam Probation & Family Services - Deryck Newton

Mr. Newton stated that his correspondence fairly well covers the services provided by his Coquitlam office, highlighted as follows:

- 8 Probation Officers/Family Court Counsellors serving a catchment area which includes Coquitlam, Port Moody & Ioco
- 2 support staff
- youth work has dropped by approximately 40% since the fall (picked up 30% in the month of February)
- administers two program/contracts with the Lower Mainland St. Leonard's Society; a high risk wilderness program for boys and a horse care program for girls; referrals accepted for youths diverted from the Courts or sentenced to periods of probation as a result of an offense. This has recently been re-written and is now one contract; funding has been increased; this is now a 3 component program incorporating the high risk wilderness program on the weekends for the boys, plus a three session summer attendance program for the boys and continues to provide the same resource for the girls.

Mr. Newton continued that they will be maintaining the same level of funding for the existing bail beds and they are trying to establish a third bed in the area, to accommodate a growing need. The Coquitlam office joined the Vancouver Region from the Fraser Region last spring and are now going to access the "Dare Program" in Vancouver - an intensive supervision program for youths (one-to-one supervision). This program will be expanded by adding 3 workers to increase the service to Burnaby and New Westminster, who will provide access to the Coquitlam Office.

Juvenile Intensive Supervision Program - bail program (similar to House Arrest) juveniles are required to remain in their homes during certain hours; juvenile intensive supervision ensures that this is done by drop-in visits, daily contact, etc.

We would like to implement better liaison with the local Police Departments; there is no proper exchange of information between the corrections office and the Police.

Mr. Newton noted that Sara McEwan will be leaving the Port Coquitlam Office of Probation Services to take a position in the Personnel Office at Okalla.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

** Freda Hart noted on Page 2 of the Minutes - "Adoption of Minutes seconded by Eleanor Ward should read Freda Hart".

Lorna Morford noted on Page 9 - "Conference Attendance - Lorna Morford (to all sessions) should read (not all sessions)".

Moved by E. Gobes

Seconded by F. Hart THAT the Minutes of the Family Court Committee Meeting held on Thursday, February 10, 1988 be adopted as amended.

Carried Unanimously . . .

Emil Gobes questioned whether or not the items of correspondence from the February Meeting had been sent out. The Secretary offered to bring the correspondence file to each meeting for the members perusal.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3.1 Budget Report (from January 13, 1988 Meeting)

The Budget Report from 1987 was considered and extensive discussion ensued on the proposed Budget for 1988.

Moved by Lorna Morford

Seconded by Freda Hart THAT the budget request for the 1988 Family Court Committee be set at \$1,300.00.

Carried Unanimously . . .

3.2 Workshop for New Committee Members (from January 13, 1988 Meeting)

The report attached to the Agenda from the Acting Secretary dated February 15, 1988, stated that Ms. Nelson of the Attorney General's Office advised there would be assistance for a Workshop but that the Committee must organize the Workshop themselves. The Ministry is supporting the Committee but does not want to be running the Committee.

Alderman Hulbert submitted correspondence from Ms. Nelson dated February 22, 1988 forwarding an information package which attempts to define the role of the Committee in the community and in relation to the justice system. Ms. Nelson also stated it may be possible for the Ministry to support a Workshop for the Family Court Committee. She requested that the Committee advise what type of assistance they would require.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED) 3.2

Moved by Freda Hart

Seconded Lorna Morford THAT this correspondence be received for information.

Carried Unanimously

3.3 Temporary Court House Facilities - Attorney General (from January 13, 1988 Meeting) 1984 Report to be reviewed & updated

Alderman Hulbert stated she was advised that the above item is not in a form of a report but more of a "needs study".

Alderman Hulbert questioned whether the present Attorney General, Brian Smith, has been here to view the Court House facilities. The records will be checked and the Committee so advised.

3.4 ACT II (from February 10, 1988 Meeting) Date to be set to invite representative from ACT II to address a future Committee Meeting)

Members agreed to delete this from Unfinished Business and look at again in the future, as time allows - FILE.

Committee members requested the following item be added to Unfinished Business:

3.5 Court Room Facilities - Statistics (February 10, 1988 Meeting)

Larry Stevens to prepare a report providing updated statistics on the present Court Room facilities.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Justice Reform Committee - Information & Public Meeting Dates February 11, 1988 Correspondence

Following discussion it was agreed that Phil Macleod and Emil Gobes would prepare a report on this item, for discussion at the April Committee Meeting.


4.2 Freda Hart advised that New Westminster F.C. Committee (???) questioned whether this Committee will be visiting The Maples, located in Burnaby. They have toured this facility and feel that this Committee should also tour same. This item will be added to the April Committee Meeting Agenda.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - APRIL 13, 1988

6. TERMINATION - TIME 10:30 P.M.

Moved by Lorna Morford
Seconded by Freda Hart

Carried Unanimously . . .



(Mrs.) L. E. Watson,
Secretary

P. Macleod,
Chairman

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PRESENT:

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| Mr. Phil Macleod | - Chairman, Dist. of Coquitlam |
| Mr. G. Coghlan | - Member, District of Coquitlam |
| Mrs. Freda Hart | - Member, District of Coquitlam |
| Mrs. Adele Viznowski | - Member, District of Coquitlam |
| * Alderman A.C. Hulbert | - Member, City of Port Moody |
| Mr. Emil Gobes | - Member, City of Port Moody |
| Alderman R. Talbot | - Member, City of Port Coquitlam |
| Mr. Lawrence Stevens | - Member, City of Port Coquitlam |

ABSENT:

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| Ms. Alison White | - Member, City of Port Moody |
| Mrs. Lorna Morford (R) | - Member, District of Coquitlam |

(R) - REGRETS

RESOURCE PERSONS PRESENT:

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| Mr. L. Cohene | - Ministry of Health
(Port Coquitlam Mental Health) |
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Mr. Phil Macleod, Chairman, called the Meeting to Order at 7:35 P.M.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Hulbert

Seconded by Freda Hart THAT the Minutes of the Joint Family Court Committee Meeting held on Wednesday March 9, 1988 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously ...

2. RESOURCE REPORTS

2.1 The Chairman introduced Mr. Lee Cohene, the new Director at Port Coquitlam Mental Health. Mr. Cohene informed the Committee that he replaces Patience Silbernagel as Director at Port Coquitlam Mental Health and that Ms. Silbernagel will be heading up an Out Reach Program at Riverview Hospital.

The Port Coquitlam Mental Health Centre offers the following services:

- assessment & treatment services to children with severe mental health problems & behavioral disturbances
- Psychologist who provides services to the Young Offenders Act
- Psychologist & Social Worker provide consultation to schools and generally try to assist with programs like Kincaid, S.H.A.R.E.'s Family Centre & their Counselling Service and Coquitlam Family Centre
- Child & Youth Co-ordinator auxiliary position in place - this position co-ordinates the child & youth programs through the Port Coquitlam Mental Health Centre
- two areas in the community that are lacking are:
 - a) shortage of "acute" hospital beds for children, and
 - b) no psychiatric beds for children
- residential placement for "acute" beds is the responsibility of the Ministry of Social Services & Housing - they need to increase the number of beds

2. RESOURCES REPORTS (Continued) 2.1

- Continue to provide crisis suicide prevention
- Family services are a priority
- Difficult to gain access to acute hospital beds for children -
Insufficient acute beds to meet our needs
- Difficult to gain access unless a child or adolescent is
charged
- Numbers of children being dealt with are going up
- Closed unit of the Maples has been moved out of Mental Health
Services
- Access to the Maples facility has been reduced
- Providing increased consultation to the community

Mr. Cohene was asked to define the term "acute bed". He stated that an acute bed is for a child who is suicidal, out of control in the home environment. The Royal Columbia Hospital is not suited to accept these children, but in a rare instances they will take them on a Pediatrics Ward. He continued that District No. 43 would need 5 to 6 acute beds to meet their needs.

Mr. Cohene was questioned - "Could these children not be placed in acute beds in Riverview?" Mr. Cohene advised that the Riverview facility is for adults only and it is important to have nurses, who have had special training with children with these specific problems.

Following further discussion, the Committee questioned how they, as a Committee, could assist in this area?

Mr. Cohene replied that a psychologist, Mr. Manfred Kuchenmuller, who works out of the Port Coquitlam Mental Health Office Monday and Tuesdays, could give the Committee some ideas. He stated that he would get back to the Committee in the next while, following a meeting with Mr. Kuchenmuller on this matter.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3.1 Temporary Court House Facilities - Attorney General January 13, 1988 Meeting) - needs study to be reviewed & updated

The Chairman referred to the Family Court Committee's correspondence dated February 16, 1988, directed to The Honourable Brian Smith, Attorney General, in reference to the temporary Court House Facilities in Port Coquitlam. It was noted that we have not had a reply or acknowledgement to this correspondence.

Following discussion it was

Moved by Adele Viznowski

Seconded by Emil Gobes THAT correspondence be directed to the Attorney-General's office requesting confirmation of receipt of our February 16th correspondence.

Carried Unanimously ...

Larry Stevens advised he had an appointment to see Mark Rose, M.L.A. to update him on the situation.

3.2 Workshop for New Committee Members (January 13, 1988 Meeting)

Following discussion on this matter, the members concurred there was too much work to do at this time and they would look at the workshop idea again in September.

3.3 Court Room Facilities - Statistics (February 10, 1988 Meeting) Larry Stevens to prepare a report providing updated statistics on present Court Room facilities

Larry Stevens stated he could not report at this point in time as he was waiting for a copy of the Needs Study done in 1984 on this matter.

Alderman Hulbert and the Secretary stated they would make sure that this report was available for the May Committee Meeting.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Continued)

3.4 Justice Reform Committee (March 9, 1988 Meeting)

The Chairman stated that he and Emil Gobes met to discuss what the Committee could submit in the report to the Justice Reform Committee Public Hearings to be held on May 6 & 7 in New Westminster and May 9 to 12 & 13 & 14 in Vancouver.

The Chairman made the following points:

- Focus on youth between the ages of 12 & 17 as relative to the Justice System
- There is a need to increase appropriate leisure time activities
- Direct efforts to unorganized 12 to 17 year olds
- There are not enough trained youth workers. Is it possible to have more?
- There are not enough "drop-in" centres over and above structured Parks & Recreation Programmes. Perhaps the Committee could put some pressure on the police to help in this area.

Following discussion on these points, the Chairman produced a brochure prepared by the Ministry of Attorney General entitled "Justice in your community: What we can do for you" Special Projects Division. (A copy of this brochure is attached for your information).

The Chairman stated this brochure lists different ideas that the Committee could look at to present to the Justice Reform Committee. The Chairman continued that if youths can be kept out of the Justice system they will have a better chance as citizens later on in life.

Alderman Hulbert suggested an attempt should be made to open and organize a youth centre for Port Moody (a drop in centre).

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Continued) 3.4

Alderman Talbot stated that the City of Port Coquitlam is working towards a Youth Drop In Centre.

Following extensive discussion it was

Moved by Alderman Hulbert THAT we obtain facts and figures from the Court Records as to how many youths go through this system and the area which most needs our attention and concentrate on that aspect.

Adele Viznowski stated that she would pick one area to report on. The Chairman suggested we form sub-committees as time is short on this matter.

Lee Cohene advised that the Committee approach Probation Services and enquire of them as to the most compelling point which is bogging down the system. He suggested that we contact Manfred Kuchenmuller, Psychologist. He can be contacted at 941-3471.

Emil Gobes questioned - "Are we confident enough to submit a brief at this point and do we have enough information to submit a report?"

The Chairman responded that he felt that we did have sufficient information and we should avail ourselves of this opportunity to submit our concerns.

There was no seconder for the Motion on the floor.

Motion Lost ...

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Continued) 3.4

Following polling of members and further deliberation it was

Moved by Emil Gobes

Seconded by George Coghlan THAT this Committee write a letter to the Justice Reform Committee stating the time allowed for submissions is too short to submit an informed brief and would request an additional Public Hearing date be set.

Carried Unanimously ...

3.5 Tour of the Maples Facility (March 9, 1988 Meeting)

Discussion ensued as to an appropriate time to tour The Maples; All members present indicated they wished to tour The Maples. The Committee concurred the Chairman should approach the Maples' staff as to the best time for them to show the Committee through and advise the Phoning Committee as to the date.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Ministry of Health re Outpatient Treatment Clinic
- Alcohol & Drug Program - Eagle Ridge Hospital

The correspondence, dated March 21, 1988, from The Honourable Peter Dueck, Minister of Health, indicated a treatment program is being considered for the Port Moody/Coquitlam area along with a number of other budget proposals.

Dr. Carl Stroh, Regional Manager for Vancouver Alcohol & Drug Programs, has the responsibility for developing prevention and treatment resources for our area.

Mr. Cohene noted that this now comes under the Ministry of Labour, not the Ministry of Health. The Chairman advised he would contact Mr. Stroh to ascertain whether or not their Budget has been finalized.

4. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

4.2 Mr. G. E. Sigmund re Resignation from Family Court Committee
- Adel Visnowski, Alternate to replace Mr. Sigmund.

The letter, of March 21, 1988, from Mr. G.E. Sigmund advised of his resignation from the 1988 Joint Family Court Committee, due to employment commitments. The Chairman introduced Mrs. Adele Viznowski, who was previously the Alternate for the District of Coquitlam, and advised she would be replacing Mr. Sigmund.

4.3 Excerpt from Budget & Financial Planning Committee Meeting re
Budget Request for 1988 Family Court Committee.

The report, dated March 30, 1988, indicated that the Joint Family Court Committee 1988 Budget request for \$1,300.00 was being forwarded to City Council for their approval.

Moved by Freda Hart

Seconded by Alderman Hulbert THAT this report be received for information.

Carried Unanimously ...

The Chairman referred to a memo from the Secretary of the Family Court Committee confirming that City Council approved the Budget request for 1988 in the above amount.

The following items were not listed on the Agenda, but submitted by the Chairman.

4. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

4.4 District of Coquitlam

The correspondence, dated March 25, 1988 from Alderman Eunice Parker, advised the Committee of a new Committee formed by Mayor Sekora following the Municipal Elections in November. The Committee is entitled "Committee for the Disabled" and has seven members with Alderman Parker as Chairperson and Alderman Mae Reid as Vice Chairperson. As well, there are five other members from the community. This correspondence and attached Terms of Reference will be on the June 8, 1988 Meeting Agenda.

4.5 North Vancouver Family Court Committee Brochure

The correspondence, dated April 8, 1988, forwarded copies of the North Vancouver Family Court Committee's recently published brochure for the information of our Committee.

The Chairman circulated copies of this brochure.

Moved by Freda Hart

Seconded by Emil Gobes THAT this brochure be received for information.

Carried Unanimously ...

Fred Hart indicated that this Committee had previously prepared a brochure entitled "APPEARING IN COURT".

* Alderman Hulbert left the Meeting - TIME - 9:30 P.M.

4.6 Emil Gobes stated he felt we were receiving and reviewing considerable information not relative to the mandate and perhaps the Committee's efforts are not being directed to the proper channels. He was concerned with the need to streamline and narrow the focus of the work being done.

Following considerable discussion the following resolution was proposed:

4. NEW BUSINESS (Continued) 4.6

Moved by Emil Gobes

Seconded by Alderman Talbot THAT members be appointed to approach one resource agency each to find out what is relevant to this Committee in order to streamline and narrow the scope of the work AND THAT each member report on these pertinent facts in writing.

The Chairman called for question on this Motion

Freda Hart questioned why the resource people were not attending the Family Court Committee Meetings. It was suggested a letter be sent to the Resource people listing our concerns and request that they attend the Committee Meetings.

Question was called on the Motion

Carried Unanimously ...

The Secretary will produce a list of resource facilities for the members to choose which resource facility they wish to approach.

Emil Gobes continued he felt it would be a good idea to have a Bylaw and Constitution prepared, which would give more explicit details on the Committee's duties.

Moved by Emil Gobes

Seconded by Larry Stevens THAT a Committee be formed to study and recommend a draft Bylaw or Constitution.

Carried Unanimously ...

It was noted that the Victoria Family Court Committee has a Constitution and Bylaws.

The Sub-Committee will consist of Phil Macleod and Emil Gobes and a third member to this Committee will be appointed at the June Committee Meeting.


5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

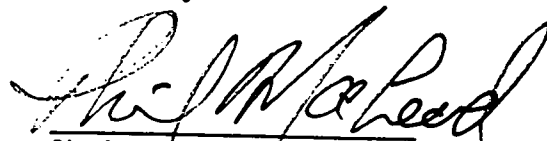
- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1988

6. TERMINATION - TIME 10:00 P.M.

Moved by George Coghlan
Seconded by Larry Stevens

Carried Unanimously ...


(Mrs.) Lynne E. Watson
Secretary


Chairman

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43
JOINT FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1988

A meeting of the School District No. 43 Joint Family Court Committee was held in the Conference Room of City Hall, 2425 St. John's Street, Port Moody B.C. on Wednesday, June 8, 1988.

PRESENT:

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| Mr. Phil Macleod | - Chairman, District of Coquitlam |
| Mr. Emil Gobes | - Member, City of Port Moody |
| Mrs. Alison White | - Member, City of Port Moody |
| Mr. George Coghlan | - Member, District of Coquitlam |
| Mrs. Freda Hart | - Member, District of Coquitlam |

ABSENT:

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| (R) Alderman Hulbert | - Member, City of Port Moody |
| Mrs. Lorna Morford | - Member, District of Coquitlam |
| Mrs. Adele Viznowski | - Member, District of Coquitlam |
| Alderman Talbot | - Member, City of Port Coquitlam |
| Mr. Lawrence Stevens | - Member, City of Port Coquitlam |

(R) - REGRETS

RESOURCE PERSONS PRESENT

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| Mr. A. Argue | - School Board |
| Mr. J. Campbell | - Social Services & Housing |
| Mr. L. Cohene | - Ministry of Health
(Port Coquitlam Mental Health) |

Mr. Phil Macleod, Chairman, called the Meeting to Order at 7:36 P.M.

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District of Coquitlam
 Administration

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Freda Hart
Seconded by G. Coghlan THAT THE Minutes of the Joint Family Court Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, April 13, 1988 be adopted as circulated

Carried Unanimously . . .

2. RESOURCE REPORTS

2.1 A. Argue - School District #43 (Coquitlam)

Mr. Argue made the following statements:

- I.C.C.R. Programme temporarily suspended by the School District pending the reorganization of Social Services and Housing.
- School District #43 administers the educational component of the I.C.C.R. Discussions are being held with the School District and Social Services and Housing to determine whether this program should continue.

Mr. Argue briefly outlined the "Neglected Childrens' Committee" a new Committee formed in the fall of 1987. This Committee will assess the extent to which neglect of children exists in the communities that make up School District #43. The membership of this Committee includes:

- Two Elementary School Principals
- One Secondary School Principal
- One representative from the following:
 - Ministry of Social Services and Housing
 - Simon Fraser Health Unit
 - Port Coquitlam Mental Health
 - Ministry of the Attorney General
 - Coquitlam SHARE Society
 - Director of Student Services, School District #43

A report to the Superintendent of Schools, dated April, 1988, was handed to the Secretary and is attached to these minutes for the information of the Committee, marked Attachment "A".

2. RESOURCE REPORTS (CONTINUED) 2.1

Mr. Argue stated the School District has been advised there could be a Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Programme set up in the Coquitlam Area. The Ministry of Labour will try and mount some community interest and to this end there will be a Public Meeting in the early fall with invitations to be mailed to Elected Officials, service clubs, parent groups, etc. Mr. Argue stated he will advise the Committee of this meeting date. He continued there is also the possibility of a drop-in clinic being instituted in the Coquitlam area and his office will be in touch with Mr. Stroh of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programme in Vancouver on this matter.

Alison White questioned the \$20,000,000. funding for Family Initiatives Programme? Jim Campbell advised various Non-Profit Agencies (not School-based) will be submitting requests for funding; \$8,000,000. has been earmarked for Homemaker Services and Day Care; the balance of the money, \$12,000,000. is to be divided among the different Communities - for adding to existing services, such as Family Counselling.

2.1 Mr. Jim Campbell - Ministry of Social Services & Housing

Mr. Campbell introduced himself to the Committee and advised that he is temporarily working out of the Port Moody Ministry of Human Resources Office.

Mr. Campbell briefly explained the reorganization of Ministry offices and locations within School District #43, which became effective May 16, 1988. He referred to a map showing the various offices in the lower mainland and their new locations and boundaries. Mr. Campbell distributed to the Secretary, correspondence from Elaine Murray the new Regional Director of the Fraser North Region, which explains the reorganization of the Ministry (Copy of correspondence and map attached for your information and marked Attachment "B").

General discussion in reference to the changes by the Ministry ensued.

2. RESOURCE REPORTS (CONTINUED)

2.3 Mr. L. Cohene - Port Coquitlam Mental Health

Mr. Cohene stated there are to be some changes within the Provincial Government as regards to the Ministry of Health as follows;

- reports of pending privatization;
- some services have been amalgamated - some sections of preventative services and community care (including forensic and mental health) and preventative services (including public health) are together now under the name "Community and Family Health" under the jurisdiction of the Assistant Deputy Minister of Health; they will review the mental health system with a view to changing the "face of" Health with a two month time limit set for their report;
- Social Services and Housing, Mental Health and Public Health have been requested to assist agencies in submitting proposals for a block of funds being offered;
- Mental Health and Public Health will act as an agent for the agency who will receive the funding to implement a service or project (ie SHARE Services);
- funding could, in some cases, be used for training purposes;
- grants to be approximately \$5,000.
- One Programme idea that has been discussed for funding - a group or course for "ANGER Control" (abusive husbands or abusive partners);

Mr. Coghlan questioned - "What ramifications will this have on the Justice System"?

Mr. Cohene - "I am not sure, I think you will have to ask them; Forensic is the bridge between the Justice System and Health; you can anticipate big changes in the Maples".

2. RESOURCE REPORTS (CONTINUED) 2.3

Mr. Cohene advised that at the request of this Committee he spoke with the Young Offenders Act Psychologist, Dr. Cuchenmueller who indicated that, in his opinion, the biggest problem in the justice system is the co-ordination between the Courts and "Treaters" (those who provide the treatment services). In terms of Young Offenders regulations, there are aspects of "due process" that lead to inefficiency in getting a child help in a timely way; interference between the two systems.

Mr. Cohene suggested the Committee speak to Family Court Counsellors and inquire as to what problems they perceive to be the most crucial; also speak to Probation Officers - two of the most experienced Probation Officers in the area are Andy Shepherd and Shawn Christie.

Considerable discussion followed.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3.1 Temporary Court House Facilities - Attorney General (January 13, 1988 Meeting)

- Needs Study to be Reviewed & Updated
- Alderman Hulbert was not present to give her report; the Secretary advised that Alderman Hulbert and herself had both searched the files and were unable to find a Needs Study or Report.
- The Committee requested this item be left on Unfinished Business for the time being.

3.2 Workshop for New Committee Members (January 13, 1988 Meeting)

- Held until September, 1988

3.3 Court Room Facilities - Statistics (February 10, 1988 Meeting)

- Larry Stevens to prepare a report providing updated statistics on present Court Room facilities.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

3.4 Justice Reform Committee (March 9, 1988 Meeting)

- Correspondence forwarded to Justice Reform Committee requesting additional time to prepare report and requesting additional date for a Public Hearing.
- Correspondence from Justice Reform Committee, dated May 5, 1988 in reply to the above request attached for discussion.

Moved by Freda Hart

Seconded by Alison White THAT the correspondence be received.

Carried Unanimously . . .

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3.5 Tour of the Maples Facility (March 9, 1988 Meeting)

- TOUR HELD - TUESDAY, MAY 10, 1988.

Mr. Coghlan reported the tour of the Maples resulted in a favorable impression and that the staff appear to care about their jobs and are doing a good job. There was no information available on their budget or administration details. The children appear to be happy, clean and well cared for.

The Committee requested this item be left on Unfinished Business.

The Secretary was requested to send a letter of appreciation to the Maples thanking their staff for the time and effort expended on the Tour.

3.6 Outpatient Treatment Clinic - Alcohol & Drug Program
- Eagle Ridge Hospital

- Secretary Contacted Mr. Stroh re Finalization of Budget
Mr. Stroh advised the Budget should be finalized by the end of May
- No information received to date.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

3.7 District of Coquitlam re Committee for the Disabled
(April 13, 1988 Meeting)

- March 25, 1988 Correspondence attached for discussion

Moved by Freda Hart

Seconded by Alison White THAT this correspondence be received for information.

Carried Unanimously . . .

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3.8 Sub-Committee - Preparation of Draft Bylaw & Constitution
(April 13, 1988 Meeting)

- Phil Macleod and Emil Gobes Appointed to Committee
- Third Member to be Appointed at June 8, 1988 Meeting

Following discussion on the above, Alison White volunteered to be the Third Member of this Committee.

A report will be prepared for the OCTOBER MEETING.

3.9 Attendance of Resource Persons at Committee Meetings
(April 13, 1988 Meeting)

- For discussion at June 9, 1988 Meeting

Following discussion the Committee agreed to have the Chairman appoint 1 member for each resource person; Committee Members to approach Resource Persons and invite each one to a specific meeting.

Committee Members were appointed as follows:

- E. Gobes - School Board - F. Hart - Share Society
- A. White - Mental Health - G. Coghlan - Police Department

The Chairman will appoint the balance of the Committee at his discretion.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

3.10 Resource Agencies - Relevancy of information being discussed by
Family Court Committee (April 13, 1988 Meeting)

- Committee Members to approach Resource Agencies to determine relevancy of information being discussed, in order to streamline and narrow scope of work; Members to submit a written report.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 North Vancouver Family Court Committee - Annual Report

- Annual Report available through Chairman for viewing

4.2 Richmond Family Court Committee - Annual Report

- Annual Report available through Chairman for viewing

Moved by Freda Hart

Seconded by Alison White THAT the reports from North Vancouver and Richmond Family Court Committees be received for information.

Carried Unanimously . . .

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- WEDNESDAY, September 14, 1988

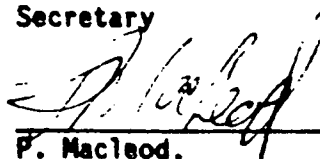
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Moved by Freda Hart

Seconded by Alison White



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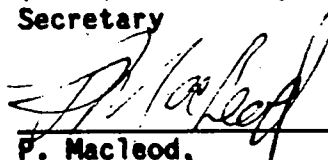
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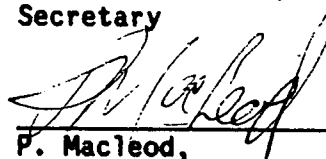
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Seconded by Alison White



(Mrs.) L. Watson,
Secretary



P. Macleod,
Chairman

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (COQUITLAM)

NEGLECTED CHILDRENS' COMMITTEE

A REPORT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

April 1988

An Interministerial Neglected Childrens' Committee was formed in the fall of 1987 to assess the extent to which neglect of children exists in the communities that make up School District 43. The membership of the committee included:

- Two elementary principals
- One secondary principal
- One representative of the Ministry of Social Services & Housing
- One representative of the Simon Fraser Health Unit
- One representative of Port Coquitlam Mental Health
- One representative of the Ministry of the Attorney General
- One representative of the Coquitlam Share Society
- The Director of Student Services, School District No. 43

Neglected children are defined in the Inter-Ministry Child Abuse Handbook as follows:

"the failure on the part of those responsible for the care of the child to provide for the physical, emotional or medical needs of a child to an extent that the child's health, development or safety is endangered."

A survey of schools in School District 43 conducted in June 1987 showed that, in the opinion of principals, 69 children had serious nutritional needs and 145 had other serious needs for care. Another group of children that the committee considered were the chronic school non-attenders, a group who would appear to be the product of negligent parent supervision, and who were viewed by the committee as being in the first stages of societal dependency.

The committee met on three occasions. As a result of their discussion the committee agreed that the number of children who may be neglected in School District 43 is increasing and is related to specific areas of housing. The committee also believes that, through a sharing of statistical information from each ministry, it may be possible to develop a profile of those housing areas which present greatest need. The purpose of this information would be to assist in allocating the resources of the various ministries to address the problem.

The committee also agreed that sufficient resources were not being provided within each ministry to meet the increasing needs in the communities that make up School District 43.

Recommendations

1. The Ministry of Social Services & Housing should be advised of cases of suspected neglect of children.
2. The Simon Fraser Health Unit, through the public health nurse, and in consultation with the Ministry of Social Services & Housing should become involved in those cases of suspected neglect which are related to nutritional and other health needs.
3. The Ministry of Social Services & Housing and the Simon Fraser Health Unit should, to the extent possible, assign social work, staff and public health nurse staff on a geographic basis so that school liaison can take place.
4. All ministries represented on this committee should pool appropriate statistical information to determine geographic areas of need.
5. Additional child care workers should be employed, based on interministerial funding, to provide counselling and support in cases of neglect.
6. The Share Society could act as the agent responsible for the child care workers indicated above, who would work out of the schools.
7. All ministries represented on the committee should review the resources allocated to School District 43 to determine need for additional resources.
8. The Neglected Children Committee should become a standing committee to deal with neglect issues on an ongoing basis. Such a committee should not duplicate the efforts of the I.M.C.C. (Interministerial Childrens' Committee).

Submitted on behalf of the Neglected Children Committee
by Al Argue, Director-Student Services
School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

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*Copy for all staff
Time 1-15-88*

I am writing to introduce myself as the new Regional Director of the Fraser North Region and to provide you with information regarding the re-organization of the Ministry of Social Services and Housing. The changes will take effect on May 16, 1988.

The former Regions 13 and 19, along with the District of Mission, have been combined and are now called the Fraser North Region. Within the region are two areas; one serving Burnaby/New Westminster and one serving Coquitlam/Port Coquitlam/Port Moody/Maple Ridge/Mission. In each of these areas there are six offices providing Income Assistance/ Employment Initiatives and six offices providing Family and Children's Service. As well, the region now has three specialized units providing service for the Mentally Handicapped.

Listed below are the Area Managers and their office locations:

BURNABY/NEW WESTMINSTER

Income Assistance/Employment Initiatives Program

Area Manager - Judy Hayes
201-237 East Columbia Street
New Westminster, B.C. V3L 3W4
Phone: 660-8325

Family and Children's-Services

Area Manager - Maureen Nash
201-237 East Columbia Street
New Westminster, B.C. V3L 3W4
Phone: 660-8325

Services to the Mentally Handicapped

Area Manager - David MacPherson
105-504 Cottonwood Avenue
Coquitlam, B.C. V3J 2R5
Phone: 939-2491

COQUITLAM/PORT COQUITLAM/PORT MOODY/MAPLE RIDGE/MISSION

Income Assistance/Employment Initiatives Program

Area Manager - Tom Schramm
101-504 Cottonwood Avenue
Coquitlam, B.C. V3J 2R5
Phone: 931-3491

Family and Children's Service


Area Manager - Jeremy Berland
101-504 Cottonwood Avenue
Coquitlam, B.C. V3J 2R5
Phone: 931-3491

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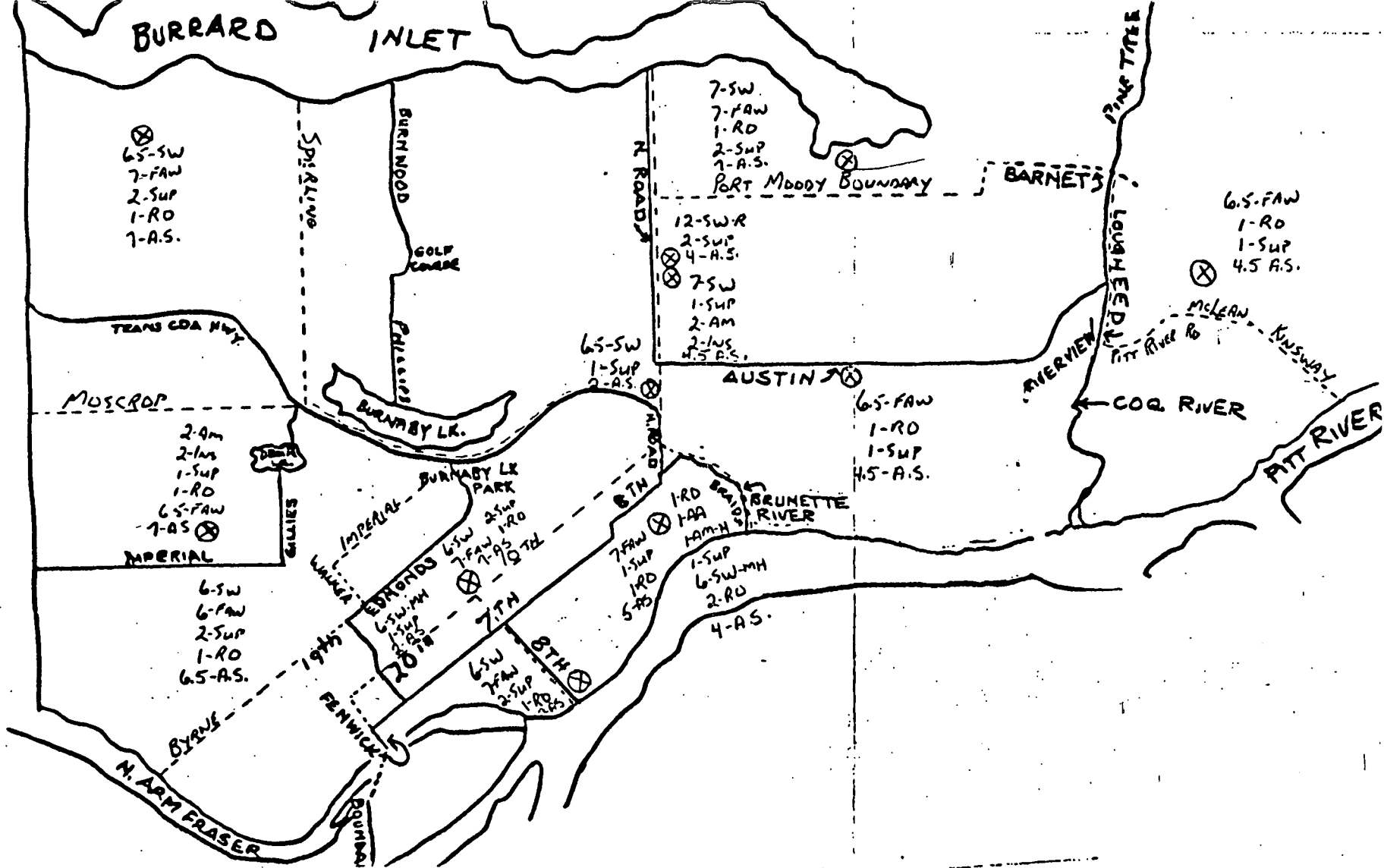
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Phone: 939-2491

On the enclosed maps you will find the district office locations and the names of the district supervisors. Please ensure that your staff are advised of this information and if you have any questions, please feel free to call at 939-2491. I look forward to meeting you in the near future.

Yours truly,


Elaine Murray
Regional Director
Fraser North Region

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Enclosures



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SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43
JOINT FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1988

A meeting of the School District No. 43, Joint Family Court Committee was held in the Conference Room of City Hall, 2425 St. John Street, Port Moody, B.C. on Wednesday, October 12, 1988.

PRESENT:

Mr. Phil Macleod	- Chairman, District of Coquitlam
Mr. George Coghlan	- Member, District of Coquitlam
Mrs. Freda Hart	- Member, District of Coquitlam
Mrs. Alison White	- Member, City of Port Moody

ABSENT:

Alderman A. Hulbert	- Member, City of Port Moody	(R)
Mr. Emil Gobes	- Vice-Chairman, City of Port Moody	(R)
Alderman R. Talbot	- Member, City of Port Coquitlam	
Mr. Lawrence Stevens	- Member, City of Port Coquitlam	
Mrs. Lorna Morford	- Member, District of Coquitlam	(R)
Mrs. Adele Viznowski	- Member, District of Coquitlam	

(R) - REGRETS

RESOURCE PERSONS PRESENT

Mr. A. Argue	- School District No. 43
Mr. D. Christenson	- Port Coquitlam - R.C.M.P.

The Chairman, called the Meeting to Order at 7:40 P.M.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The following two Motions from the September 14, 1988 Meeting must be ratified as there was no quorum in attendance that evening.

Moved by Freda Hart

Seconded by Alison THAT the Minutes of the Regular Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, June 8, 1988 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously ...

Moved by Alison White

Seconded by Freda Hart THAT due to the recent change in the Attorney General's Ministry the Committee correspond again on this matter to enquire if there has been any changes and welcome the new Minister.

Carried Unanimously ...

Moved by Freda Hart

Seconded by Alison White THAT the Minutes of the Joint Family Court Committee Meeting, held on Wednesday, September 14, 1988 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously ...

In reference to the status of proposed new Court House in Port Coquitlam, the Chairman commented on the correspondence, dated June 2, 1988 attached to the September Agenda re the Minister of Attorney General's statement that officials will begin planning the new Port Coquitlam facility in April of this year.

Considerable discussion ensued and the question arose as to the proposed location for the construction of the new Court House. The Chairman advised he would contact the Attorney General's Ministry on this matter.

Dale Christenson advised the Committee to contact the Court Users Committee - Mr. Ross MacLeod, Administrative Crown Counsel or Superintendent Naykens at the R.C.M.P. Station on Christmas Way.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (Continued)

Considerable discussion ensued and the following Motion was

Moved by Freda Hart

Seconded by Alison White THAT the Secretary correspond with Commissioner Naykens to enquire when the Court User's Committee meets, requesting permission for a Family Court Committee Member to attend and also request minutes of these meetings be made available to this Committee.

Carried Unanimously ...

2. RESOURCE REPORTS

2.1 Mr. Dale Christenson - Community Resources Co-ordinator, Port Coquitlam, R.C.M.P.

Mr. Christenson gave a brief report with the following highlights:

A new building is being constructed called "Cranberry Court", which provides low income housing for families. There are 22 units in this building, which is to be managed by the S.H.A.R.E. Society. Referrals to come from the Ministry of Attorney General and families must be on some form of assistance in order to qualify for housing.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3.1 Temporary Court House Facilities - Attorney General (September, 14, 1988 Meeting)

- Ministry being contacted AGAIN as to time frame for this construction

3.2 Workshop for New Committee Members (January 13, 1988 Meeting)

- To be arranged for January, 1989 for the new members.

- Report to be prepared for the Committee for the NOVEMBER Agenda

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

3.3 Court Room Facilities - Statistics (February 10, 1988)

- Dealt with under Comments in reference to Court Users Committee - FILE

3.4 Outpatient Treatment Clinic - Alcohol & Drug Program - Eagle Ridge Hospital

- See Correspondence under New Business - Item 4.1
- FILE

3.5 Sub-Committee - Preparation of Draft Bylaw & Constitution (April 13, 1988 Meeting)

- Phil Macleod, Emil Gobes and Alison White appointed to Sub-Committee
- A report to be prepared for the NOVEMBER MEETING

3.6 Attendance of Resource Persons at Committee Meetings (April 13, 1988 Meeting)

Discussion centered on the reasons why Resource Persons are not attending the Family Court Committee Meetings and it was noted by the Chairman that the original idea for Committee Members to approach an individual Resource person was to identify their needs, concerns and issues to be dealt with by the Family Court Committee. Discussion centered on the Family Court Committee aims and actions, etc. It was noted that the Young Offenders' Act is very pertinent to this Committee and could be reviewed at a future meeting.

Following discussion the Committee Members agreed to approach the individual Resource Persons to ascertain their particular issues and concerns for discussion when attending Committee Meetings.

Dale Christenson advised he has a list of various agencies and contact persons who could assist the Family Court Committee in their goals and he will forward a list to the secretary.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Continued)

3.7 Resource Agencies - Relevancy of Information being discussed by Family Court Committee (April 13, 1988 Meeting)

Committee Members to approach Resource Agencies to determine relevancy of information being discussed, in order to streamline and narrow scope of work; Members to submit a written report.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Ministry of Labour and Consumer Services re Establishment of Youth and Family Addiction Counselling Service in the Coquitlam/Port Moody Coquitlam Area

The correspondence from Dr. Carl M. Stroh, dated September 26, 1988, advised that funds are now available for the establishment of Youth and Family Addiction Counselling services in the Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam area. They will be beginning the process of establishing services in our area within the next few weeks. - Information Item

4.2 Mrs. Freda Hart re Letter of Resignation from Family Court Committee

The letter from Mrs. Hart received by the Secretary on September 22, 1988 addressed to the Municipal Clerk, District of Coquitlam, advised of her intended resignation from this Committee.

The Chairman and Committee Members thanked Mrs. Hart for her valuable assistance over the past three years and wished her continuing success in future endeavors.

Moved by George Coghlan
Seconded by Alison White THAT Freda Hart's Letter of Resignation be accepted with reluctance and regret.

Carried Unanimously ...

4.3 Mrs. Hart noted that expenses for the Family Court Committee Conference to be held next year should be monitored very closely.

4. BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- 4.4 It was also noted by the Committee that attendance of Council appointees to this Committee is down and this Committee should stress that poor attendance of elected officials at these Committee Meetings should result in reappointment by the Mayor of the Municipality involved.
- 4.5 The format of the December Meeting was discussed and it was generally agreed the December Meeting would be a social evening following a brief business meeting. Final details to be discussed at the November Meeting.

The Committee instructed the Secretary to invite the Resource Persons to the December Social Evening.

- 4.6 Considerable discussion ensued as to the format for the January 11, 1989 Meeting with the following Motion:

Moved by Alison White
Seconded by Freda Hart THAT Dale Christenson be invited as a Guest Speaker to the January 11, 1989 Family Court Committee Meeting to discuss the Young Offenders' Act - "The gains - The Loses".

Carried Unanimously ...

The Secretary noted that the 1989 Committee Meetings will be held at the Council Chambers in the District of Coquitlam.

Discussion centered on the fact that the general public at large is probably unaware of the existence of the Family Court Committee and the possibility of advertising in the newspapers, advising of dates and times of Meetings.

Alison White advised she would prepare an advertisement stating the date and time of the January Meeting and the topic of the Guest Speaker - The Young Offenders' Act.

Question was called on the Motion.

Carried Unanimously ...

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1988

6. TERMINATION - TIME 9:35 P.M

Moved by Freda Hart
Seconded by George Coghlan

Carried Unanimously ...



(Mrs.) L. Watson
Secretary

Mr. Phil Macleod
Chairman

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SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43
JOINT FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1988

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A meeting of the School District No. 43 Joint Family Court Committee was held in the Conference Room of City Hall, 2425 St. John's Street, Port Moody B.C. on Wednesday, November 9, 1988

PRESENT:

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| Mr. Emil Gobes | - Acting Chairman, City of Port Moody |
| Mrs. Freda Hart | - Member, District of Coquitlam |
| Mrs. Lynne Watson | - Secretary |

ABSENT:

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| Alderman Hulbert | - Member, City of Port Moody (R) |
| Mrs. Alison White | - Member, City of Port Moody (R) |
| Mr. George Coghlan | - Member, District of Coquitlam (R) |
| Mrs. Lorna Morford | - Member, District of Coquitlam |
| Mrs. Adele Viznowski | - Member, District of Coquitlam |
| Alderman Talbot | - Member, City of Port Coquitlam (R) |
| Mr. Lawrence Stevens | - Member, City of Port Coquitlam |

(R) - REGRETS

RESOURCE PERSONS PRESENT

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| Mr. L. Cohene | - Ministry of Health
Port Coquitlam Mental Health |
| Mr. D. Christenson | - Community Resources Coordinator
Port Coquitlam R.C.M.P. |
| Mrs. E. Ward | - Coquitlam S.H.A.R.E. Society |

Mr. Emil Gobes, Acting Chairman, called the Meeting to Order at 7:36 P.M.

Please note as there was no Quorum Business items listed on the Agenda were not dealt with, these are notes for the record only, of reports from the Resource Persons present.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting - Wednesday, October 12, 1988

THESE MINUTES TO BE ADOPTED AT THE FIRST MEETING IN JANUARY, 1989

2. RESOURCE REPORTS

2.1 Mr. L. Cohene - Port Coquitlam Mental Health

Mr Cohene gave a brief report outlining the following points:

- The Family Court Committee become should become involved in the development of the Drug and Alcohol Programme and Services in the community. A Task Force has been struck by School District No. 43 (Mr. Al Argue) and this would be an opportunity for the Family Court to assist on this vital Committee;
- The Assistant Deputy Minister of Health has been empowered to reorganize the Ministry of Health in the area of - Mental Health, Continuing Care Services;
- The Riverview Hospital will be instituting a Psycho-Geriatric Programme for assessment and intervention to service the Tri-City area - start-up date not known at this time.

2.1 Mr. D. Christenson - Community Resources Coordinator

Mr. Christenson distributed a list of systems contact persons and requested the Committee review this list and advise of any other persons/services they would like added; the list will be typed and distributed at the December Meeting.

Mr. Christenson stated that the Committee might wish to consider holding a one day Seminar and suggested the topic could be "Teenage Date Rape". The Spousal Assault Seminar was very successful and the above topic should generate interest with Parent and Teacher Groups. He continued, if the Committee wishes to follow through on this idea he will research the most appropriate Guest Speaker to invite.

Mr. Christenson advised of amendments to the Criminal Code (Bill C15) highlighted as follows:

- corroboration no longer required to convict
- Video Tape testimony allowed (victim must confirm that information on tape is correct)
- important to have an experienced person questioning victim so as not to have the testimony disqualified

Mr. Christenson requested the title of the topic to be discussed by him at the January Meeting be changed to "The Young Offenders Act - The Changes".

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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- Ministry being contacted AGAIN as to time frame for this construction and potential location.

3.2 Workshop for New Committee Members (January 13, 1988 Meeting)

- To be arranged for January, 1989 for the new members
- SEE ATTACHED DRAFT AGENDA FORMAT

3.3 Sub-Committee - Preparation of Draft Bylaw & Constitution (April 13, 1988 Meeting)

- Phil Macleod, Emil Gobes and Alison White appointed to Sub-Committee
- SEE ATTACHED REPORT RE SUGGESTED CHANGES TO THE MANUAL

3.4 Attendance of Resource Persons at Committee Meetings (April 13, 1988 Meeting)

- Committee Members were appointed to approach Resource Persons and invite each one to a specific meeting to deal with their individual concerns, as follows:
 - E. Gobes - School Board - F. Hart - Share Society
 - A. White - Mental Health - G. Coghlan - Police Department

The Chairman to appoint the balance of the Committee.

3.5 Resource Agencies - Relevancy of information being discussed by Family Court Committee (April 13, 1988 Meeting)

Committee Members to approach Resource Agencies to determine relevancy of information being discussed, in order to streamline and narrow scope of work; Members to submit a written report.

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3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

3.6 December Meeting Format (October 12, 1988 Meeting)

- Final details as to refreshments to be discussed at the NOVEMBER Meeting.


PLEASE NOTE THAT THAT THE ANNUAL REPORT TO BE PREPARED BY THE CHAIRMAN WILL INCLUDE A SUMMARY OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS ITEMS TO BE ATTENDED TO BY THE 1989 COMMITTEE

4. NEW BUSINESS

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1988 - SOCIAL EVENING ONLY

6. TERMINATION - TIME P.M.



(Mrs.) L. Watson
Secretary

Emil Gobes
Acting Chairman