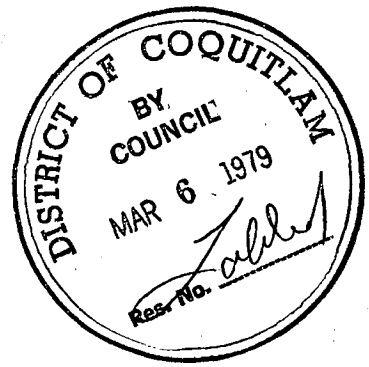


FAMILY DIVISION

FAMILY DIVISION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 15, 1979



The twenty-ninth meeting of the "School District No. 43 Joint Family Division Committee" was held in the Council Chambers of the Public Safety Building, 2718 St. John's Street, Port Moody, B.C. on Thursday, February 15, 1979, at 7:30 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Coquitlam: Alderman B.T.H. Robinson (Chairman)
Alderman L. Sekora
D. Kenmuir
A. Emerson
M. Bouliane
K. Gillies

Port Coquitlam: Alderman M.R. Wright
J. Cathie

Port Moody: Alderman D.A.F. Goudzwaard
S. Francis - Vice Chairman

Also Present: B. Roest
J. Maddalozzo
M. Allardice
P.D. Goodwin - Secretary

Special Guest: R.W. Pettit
Joanna-Ann Lee

The Secretary advised that regrets had been received from S. Nicol and R. Fleck.

The Chairman asked the members of the Committee to introduce themselves.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by D. Kenmuir
Seconded by J. Cathie THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 26th, 1978 be taken as read and adopted.

Carried

2. ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman requested that the Annual Report, as circulated, be amended that the name "Oakmount" be replaced by "Horizon".

Moved by Alderman Wright
Seconded by S. Francis THAT the Annual Report for 1978 be adopted as amended.

Carried Unanimously ...

3. FAMILY DIVISION EXPENSES - 1978

The Chairman advised that there was a limit of \$100.00 which may be expended without authorization from the respective Municipal Councils.

The expenses were shown to total \$292.95, for 1978.

Moved by Alderman Goudzwaard
Seconded by Alderman Sekora THAT the Joint Family Division Committee approve the expenses for 1978.

Carried ...

- * Alderman Wright suggested that the Committee strike an Annual Budget and the amounts be forwarded to the Municipal Councils for ratification. It was agreed that this item would be brought forward for discussion later in the evening.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Mr. R.W. Pettit, Regional Manager for Court Services - advising of attendance at meeting.
- (b) Garde B. Gardom, Attorney-General - confirming receipt of the Committee's letter concerning procedural problems.
- (c) Copy of correspondence from the Committee to the Honourable Garde Gardom.
- (d) Andrew T. Emerson enclosing letter from Legal Services Commission and Courtwatcher's Manual.
- (e) Andrew T. Emerson - enclosing pamphlet "Unified Family Court of British Columbia".

The above items of correspondence were received by the Committee.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations were called for the position of Chairman of the Joint Family Division Committee for 1979.

Moved by Alderman Goudzwaard
Seconded by Alderman Sekora THAT Mrs. Sheila Francis be nominated for Chairman for 1979.

Carried Unanimously ...

Moved by A. Emerson
Seconded by J. Cathie THAT Doreen Kenmuir be nominated for Vice-Chairman for 1979.

Carried Unanimously ...

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (Continued)

Chairman Francis stated she was pleased to have Doreen Kenmuir elected as Vice-President.

The Chairman introduced Mr. R.W. Pettit and Joanna Lee of the Provincial Court Services.

Mr. Pettit advised that he was the Regional Manager for Court Services in Region 3. Region 3 includes Richmond, south side of the Fraser as far as Hope, Burnaby, New Westminster and the north side of the Fraser.

Court Services, as an organization, was created in 1974 by the passing of the Administration of Justice Act. The Ministry of the Attorney-General created regions within the Province; originally there were nine regions, but there are now six regions.

The Court Services handles facilities, Sheriff services, court reporting, court services and court administration.

Region 3 has seventeen court locations, fifteen sheriff offices and a total staff of 303 people.

The primary purpose is to serve the public and the courts.

In response to the Committee's letter to the Attorney-General, which indicated a problem in the Coquitlam Court District, Mr. Pettit advised that Joanna Lee is the Court Administrator. In addition there is the Senior Sheriff, the Senior Deputy Sheriff and these people control the manpower of the Court.

He continued that the Service would like to think that if there are problems with the gathering of information from a Court location that you deal with the Court Administrator or with the Sheriff.

Mr. Pettit gave a summary of the hierarchy of the Ministry, together with an overview of the organization.

Mr. Pettit referred to the User Committee, which meets to discuss requirements for a new Court House. Each identifies its own needs and comes up with a programme, the following steps are then taken:

1. B.C. Building Co-operation - feasibility report.
2. Treasurer report - initial approval.
3. Architect's assigned.
4. Site location.

Mr. Pettit stated that the Court House in Coquitlam is a Provincial Criminal Court House, not Juvenile, not Family. It is proposed it contain four Court Rooms. It will contain a Justice of the Peace and/or Referee Hearing Room. It will also contain correction offices for nine correction staff, Crown Counsel Offices, Registry space and service space.

The general programme is complete, but the negotiations are still underway relative to site location.

Mr. Pettit continued that approval was hoped for and once architects are appointed and site obtained the Court House is about three years in planning and overall construction.

Mr. Pettit advised the members of the Committee that in addition to the proposed Criminal Court House and quite a bit later in the planning stage, is an additional unified Family Court/Small Claims Court House to service Coquitlam, New Westminster and Burnaby area.

At this time population flows are being estimated for this region.

Mr. Pettit introduced Joanna-Ann Lee, who is the Court Administrator for the Coquitlam Court House.

Ms. Lee gave a review of the functions of her office. She informed the Committee that there is a local Users Committee, which meet every six weeks and this meeting is not just to discuss the Court, but has input from the Crown Counsel, Probation, Department of Human Resources, Sheriffs and any other interested parties.

Ms. Lee advised the Family Division Committee that she is available at all times to discuss any problems they may have and offered the complete co-operation of her department.

A question and answer period followed.

The members of the Committee expressed the following concerns:

- a) That the concept of the proposed building is as far away as 1983.
- b) The tremendous overtime wage paid to R.C.M.P. for Court attendances.
- c) Concern on the shuffle of children from Judge to Judge.
- d) Concern about crowded physical space at the Court Room
- e) Concern of lack of consideration for family matters as it pertains to the Criminal Justice System.

Mr. Pettit explained the new system that has been set up on a trial basis to alleviate the high overtime court costs.

He continued that a docket trial date is set. The judge is advised of the dates. The police report is reviewed and a check made whether the policemen involved would be on holidays. A study is being done by Mr. Madding, Mr. Holmes and the police in conjunction with his office.

The police provide a list of the personnel holidays, a list of course dates and a list of C.T.O. (Court Time Off). A trial date is then set, which does not conflict. One month before the trial date comes up the Deputy Sheriff and Justice of the Peace contact the Crown Counsels and the lawyers to ascertain whether the case, is in fact, going ahead.

The Witnesses are subpoenaed and a follow-up to the witness by telephone to ensure their appearance.

Mr. Pettit advised that this new system has been tried since January 1st with good co-operation from the local bar and trial dates have been obtained in 60 days. The results are being studied by Chief Judge Goulet and might be started in the large courts.

Mr. Pettit referred to the present Coquitlam Court House facilities and agreed that in the Public Hallway the noise is deafening. He has requested that a noise expert look into this problem and they are awaiting recommendations.

Mr. Pettit continued there has been suggestions that we build small interview offices outside the Court area for use by interviewers and concluded that the building does not appear to be very functional.

Referring to the shuffle of children from Judge to Judge, Mr. Pettit advised that Judge Selbie is a strong advocate for strong judges for Family Court and that is a specialized role.

The scheduling of cases has always been a problem.

The Chairman questioned Mr. Pettit on how the Family Division Committee could have input to the Users Committee.

Mr. Pettit advised that the Committee appoint a delegate and the date of meetings will be forwarded.

The Chairman thanked both Mr. Pettit and Ms. Lee for attending the meeting.

Mr. Pettit and Ms. Lee left the meeting - Time 8:48 P.M.

Discussion ensued between the members of the Family Division Committee and their advisers on the presentation given by Mr. Pettit and his associate.

Committee member Myrna Bouliane volunteered to attend the next User Committee Meeting and report back to the Family Division Committee.

6. SCHEDULE OF FUTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Chairman urged that the Committee meet on a regular basis and in a permanent location and that the meetings be held on the third Thursday of each month.

Moved by Alderman Sekora
Seconded by J. Cathie THAT a Joint Family Division Committee meet in the Council Chamber of Port Moody on the third Thursday of every month AND THAT the next scheduled meeting be March 15th, 1979 at 7:30 P.M.

Carried ...

7. NEW BUSINESS

(a) J. Maddalozzo re Psychologist position.

The appointment of a psychologist has now been made. Mr. Maddalozzo thanked the Committee members and the Share Society for their support.

(b) A. Emerson re Volunteer sponser organization

Mr. Emerson outlined the problems being experienced in the probation department, resulting from the removal of the co-ordinator of volunteer people to work with people on probation.

Miss Roest of the Probation Service advised the Committee that the discontinuance of the co-ordinator's services has caused problems and that this subject was scheduled for review at a meeting to be held on March 1st.

Moved by Mr. Emerson THAT this Committee send a letter to Mr. A. Neufield that it had sponsored in the past the volunteer sponsor organization and to indicate that the Committee wish the volunteer programme to continue AND THAT the position of the co-ordinator be re-instated.

No Secunder.

Motion Lost.

It was the concensus of the Committee that this item be tabled until the next regular meeting, when a report would be made by Bev Roest and Mr. Emerson.

* (c) Budget

Alderman Wright reiterated his statement made previously that a Provincial Budget figure be forwarded to the Municipal Councils for consideration and recommended that the Joint Family Division Committee be allowed to spend up to \$200.00 for a specific item without prior Municipal approval and that the projected budget for 1979 be set at \$800.00.

Alderman Goudzwaard suggested that it would be beneficial for a letter to be forwarded to each Municipal Council requesting that they participate in the Budget based on the Simon Fraser formula as in the past.

Moved by Alderman Sekora

Seconded by J. Cathie THAT the Joint Family Division request consideration by each member Municipal Council of a total budget of \$800.00 for 1979 based on the Simon Fraser Cost Sharing Formula AND THAT the Committee be allowed to expend up to an amount of \$200.00 per time without prior Municipal approval within the projected budget.

Carried Unanimously ...

Ex-Chairman Alderman Robinson thanked all members for their support over the past two years.

Chairman Francis thanked Alderman Robinson for his leadership to the Committee.

It was agreed that the Committee write a letter of thanks to Mrs. Margaret Warwick for acting as Secretary during 1978.

Member D. Kenmuir requested the Chairman and members to consider the following two items for future debate:

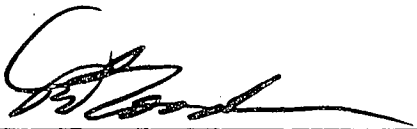
- 1) Contact with other Family Division Committees within the Province.
- 2) Since 1979 is the International Year of the Child and this Committee has been involved with Kincaid Treatment Resource, Horizons and Shaft, we should address ourselves to the progress of these three areas and if need be promote other resources.

The Chairman advised that she will invite Mr. Sean Maddigan, Crown Counsel to address the Joint Family Division Committee when convenient.

8. TERMINATION - TIME 9:54 P.M.

Moved by Alderman Sekora
Seconded by Mr. Emerson.

Carried ...



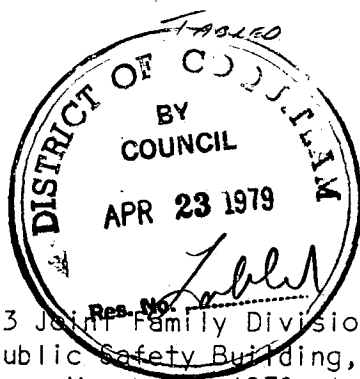
Mrs. P.D. Goodwin, Secretary.

CONFIRMED ON THE _____ day of _____ 1979 _____
CHAIRMAN

FAMILY DIVISION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

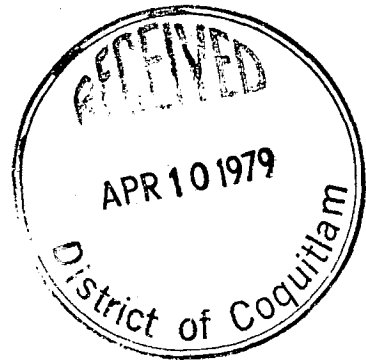
MARCH 15, 1979



The thirtieth meeting of the "School District No. 43 Joint Family Division Committee" was held in the Council Chamber of the Public Safety Building, 2718 St. John's Street, Port Moody, B. C. on Thursday, March 15, 1979 at 7:30 P. M.

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Port Moody: S. Francis (Chairman)
J. Taylor
- Coquitlam: Alderman L. Sekora
A. Emerson
*M. Bouliane
- Port Coquitlam: Alderman M. R. Wright
J. Cathie
- Also Present: B. Roest
J. Maddalozzo
P. D. Goodwin (Secretary)
- Special Guests: Mark Beleyer
Ralph Collins (Youth Detail)



The Secretary advised that all members had been contacted with regrets being received from D. Kenmuir, S. Nicol, K. Gillies, Alderman Goudzwaard, R. Fleck, W. Mudge, M. Allardice.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Sekora
Seconded by J. Cathie THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 15, 1979 be taken as read and adopted.

Carried ...

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(a) B. Roest advised that the User Committee had not met during the past month. J. Lee, the Court Administrator, would advise the scheduled meeting. The Justice Council had met on Monday, March 12, 1979 with the Committee Chairman being placed on the mailing list for Justice Council dates.

(b) The Chairman advised that Mr. Sean Maddigan will have to be requested in writing to attend a Committee Meeting.

Moved by J. Cathie
Seconded by Alderman Wright THAT the Committee forward a letter inviting Mr. Sean Maddigan to attend a Family Division Committee Meeting with a carbon copy to the Attorney-General's Department, Victoria.

Carried ...

3. PRESENTATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE R.C.M.P. YOUTH DETAIL - Mark Beleyer and Ralph Collins

*M. Bouliane entered the meeting - Time 7:45 P. M.

Mr. Beleyer advised the Committee that they had been asked by Inspector Galbraith to check into and report on the following:

3. (Continued)

- (i) Neighbourhood action groups.
- (ii) Accountability boards.
- (iii) Juvenile division.

Mr. Beleyer stated that the Jim Smith social-type services were being provided. Burnaby and Langley have a group of a preventative nature which treats families or refers to various agencies in the community. He continued that, at this time, agencies are geared to act when the child is in trouble, not before to prevent same. There has been a neighbourhood action group formed in the Laurentian area. This group came up with the idea that police cannot be there 24 hours a day and the community can do something about their own problems.

The Youth Detail gave an overview of the various types of groups that have been formed. They emphasized that the groups have to be organized, they cannot be a "vigilante" group.

A question and answer period followed. They confirmed that there is no accountability panel in Coquitlam. The service in Delta has been for police referral which has worked well with very low repeater rate. The accountability boards provide faster processing. It is cheaper, more meaningful to the community, parent and child. The Cedar Cottage group have only been in operation since last October.

Another point to consider is that victims of crimes to get paid back for being vandalized. The idea being, get the kid a job to pay back restitution. In some cases, restitution is hard to relate. You may get 10 kids in a B.&E., with 10 victims, there is no process of restitution in this case.

Alderman Sekora stated that, during budget discussions, an amount of \$74,000. had been rejected from the budget for use as a "Jim Smith" type service, since it was felt that this was a duplication of services of the Emergency Services Group of Human Resources.

Mr. Beleyer stated he did not see the service as being a duplication of anything. The Emergency Services has such a large area with a small staff. The emphasis of the present investigation is on preventative counselling with the Emergency Services being a sort of flying squad that help at the time with recovering kids.

Alderman Sekora advised that next Monday at 4:30 P. M., the Coquitlam Council may bring back this item for review and suggested that Inspector Galbraith appear before the budget is struck to give additional information on the service.

Alderman Wright indicated that it would probably be a good idea for Inspector Galbraith to make a personal presentation to the Port Coquitlam Council before they too finalize their budget.

Mr. Beleyer gave details of the Delta program. He stated that the police make a direct referral to the program. There is an admission of guilt followed by parents' permission. The panel consists of 3 members usually a minister, principal of school, local lawyer. There is informal discussion followed by a police report and the board make a recommendation. The child never appears before the panel. He then gave details of the other programs and the way they are operated, and concluded that the Youth Detail have until the third week in April to make recommendations on how a program such as this could be effective in the Coquitlam area.

Debate centred on the time now being the major problem in juvenile offenders. First the police, then the prosecutor, followed by probation, back to prosecutor, back to police, then the summons from Sheriff's Department, with the first appearance in Court for the child being a possible 6-month delay. The offence could be committed in the spring, the appearance in Court at Christmas. With the Delta board, this meets every Tuesday and recommendations are made within a week. It was agreed by the Committee that punishment should follow the offence within a reasonable time period for both the sake of the child and the parents involved.

3. (Continued)

B. Roest stated that the accountability board would give the Probation Service time to work with the hard core children, the community working with the first offenders.

The Committee thanked the representatives of the Youth Detail and requested information on their report in due course.

4. ADJOURNMENT - TIME 8:45 P. M.

Re-convene - Time 8:57 P. M.

Alderman Sekora left the meeting.

5. STUDENT MEMBER

M. Bouliane requested that the Chairman allow a discussion relative to the student representative on the Committee. She suggested that Mr. Melville, the Principal of Centennial High School, be requested that a member of the Grade 12 student body be invited to sit on the Family Division Committee on a yearly basis.

The present student, Karen Gillies, has now proceeded on to university and no longer is a representative of the students at the area's largest high school. M. Bouliane suggested that she contact Karen Gillies and report back to the Committee.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Kincaid Treatment Resource re Brochure

John Maddalozzo spoke on the brochure and stated that it was produced internally with the printing being donated by the Coquitlam municipality. The cost for 2,000 copies was \$426.00. A contribution had been received from the Crown Zellerbach Foundation.

Notice of Motion

Moved by J. Cathie THAT the Family Division Committee financially support the printing of the Kincaid Resource brochure.

(b) Department of Attorney-General re Proposed Liaison Representative

The correspondence dated February 28, 1979 referred to comments in the 1978 Annual Report.

Chairman Francis stated she will contact the former Committee Chairman, Alderman Robinson, for clarification.

(c) Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints re Promotion of May, "Family Month"

The correspondence dated February 19, 1979 advised that billboard posters were available free of charge to publicize "Family Month", there being a \$40.00 installation hanging charge per billboard payable to Seaboard Signs Incorporated. The Committee viewed the posters and the discussion centred on the "Family Month" generally.

Moved by Alderman Wright

Seconded by J. Cathie THAT this particular item be tabled;
AND THAT the Committee not advertise "Family Month" with billboard signs.

Carried Unanimously ...

6. (Continued)

John Maddalozzo referred to a bulletin received from the Minister of Human Resources which stated that, during 1979, The Year of the Child and the Family, recognition will be given to citizens of the Province for their actions on behalf of children.

Moved by M. Bouliane

Seconded by A. Emerson THAT the Committee contact The Honourable Grace McCarthy and suggest that Kincaid, SHAFT and Horizon's ongoing programs in our community be highlighted during the Year of the Child.

Carried Unanimously ...

Discussion centred on the ways of advertising "Family Month" that were used last year. Bev Roest stated that it was in conjunction with Counter Attack. There were buttons advertising "Family Month", signs and posters were erected. The Westwood Mall had a large display for promotion.

The Committee discussed:

- (i) SHAFT making bumper stickers.
- (ii) Posters for display in stores. Probation Service to assist with distribution.
- (iii) Pamphlets.
- (iv) Run an ad on community TV to include Kincaid, SHAFT, Horizon, Probation Services, counselling services, to bring May - "Family Month" to the community's attention.

Chairman Francis stated she would contact The Herald for editorial space and that any posters designed should depict all of the organizations involved.

B. Roest left the meeting. Time 9:58 P. M.

M. Bouliane stated she would contact Bev LeFrancois and report back to the Committee.

J. Maddalozzo stated he would arrange for a copy of the Minister's press release together with backup material to be given to the Committee's Secretary, and in addition, would cost out the making of the proposed posters.

- (d) Copy Letter - Regional Director of Corrections re Volunteer Sponsor Program

Moved by Alderman Wright

Seconded by J. Cathie THAT the correspondence be received.

Carried Unanimously ...

7. REPORTS

- (a) City of Port Moody Ratification of Committee Appointments and Budget.
- (b) Volunteer 2nd Laurentian Girl Guides.
- (c) Chairman's Report re Juvenile Accountability Board.

8. OTHER BUSINESS - Additional Correspondence

- (e) Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam re Ratification of Executive and Budget Deferred.
- (f) District of Coquitlam re Ratification of Executive and Budget Approved.
- (g) District of Coquitlam re Identification of Judge.

Moved by Alderman Wright
Seconded by A. Emerson THAT the reports and correspondence be received.

Carried Unanimously ...

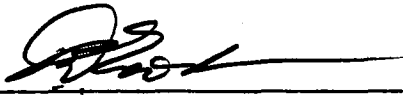
It was the decision of the Committee that the correspondence from the District of Coquitlam re Identification of Judge be brought forward to the next scheduled Committee Meeting.

9. TERMINATION - TIME 10:10 P. M.

Moved by A. Emerson
Seconded by Alderman Wright

Carried ...

The next scheduled meeting of the Family Division Committee will be April 19, 1979 at 7:30 P. M. in the Council Chamber, Port Moody, B. C.



(Mrs.) P. D. Goodwin
Secretary

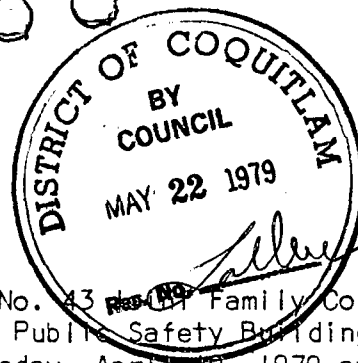
CONFIRMED on the _____ day of _____, 1979.

Chairman

FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

APRIL 19, 1979



The thirty-first meeting of the "School District No. 43 Family Court Committee" was held in the Council Chamber of the Public Safety Building, 2718 St. John's Street, Port Moody, B. C. on Thursday, April 19, 1979 at 7:30 P. M.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Port Moody:	S. Francis (Chairman) Alderman D. A. F. Goudzwaard J. Taylor
Coquitlam:	D. Kenmuir A. Emerson K. Gillies
Port Coquitlam:	Alderman M. R. Wright J. Cathie
Also Present:	B. Roest R. Fleck J. Maddalozzo P. D. Goodwin (Secretary)

The Chairman advised that Alderman Sekora was on vacation and all other members of the Committee had been contacted.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Wright
Seconded by J. Cathie THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 15, 1979 be taken as read and adopted.

Carried ...

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- (a) B. Roest advised that the User Committee had not met to date.
- (b) The Chairman advised that the Justice Council had forwarded minutes and that the next meeting is scheduled for April 23rd at noon, to be held at the Hyde Creek Centre. The Chairman continued that on the Agenda will be a report by the constables conducting a review of the Diversion and Accountability Boards. The Chairman concluded that she will be attending the meeting and will report back to the Committee.
- (c) Karen Gillies advised that she had read from the minutes of March 15, 1979 the concerns expressed by the Committee that a student from the Centennial High School should be appointed yearly to represent students on the Committee. Miss Gillies stated that she will be meeting with the Student Council the following day and would report back to the Committee on this item.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) The Corporation of the City of Port Coquitlam re 1979 Budget - Duly received by the Committee.

3. CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

(b) Alderman Brian T. H. Robinson, District of Coquitlam re
Identity of Judge

The Chairman stated that she had endeavoured to contact Alderman Robinson for comment on his letter without success.

Discussion ensued as to the validity of the Judge being identified to the members of the Court. The advisors to the Committee stated that the Court Clerk often introduces the Judge but only at the start of proceedings. Those attending Court during the ensuing proceedings are often unaware of the Judge's name.

Moved by Alderman Goudzwaard

Seconded by D. Kenmuir THAT the Committee forward a letter to the Court Administrator to request consideration of a nameplate being used by the presiding Judge in order that those present may be able to identify; AND THAT a copy of such letter be forwarded to Alderman Robinson.

Carried Unanimously ...

4. NOTICE OF MOTION

Moved by J. Cathie THAT the Family Court Committee financially support the printing of the Kincaid Resource brochure.

This notice of motion was brought forward from the meeting of March 15, 1979. The mover advised that funds have since been received and this item satisfactorily resolved. Motion withdrawn.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Alderman Wright reported on his meeting with Channel 10 relative to the publicizing of "Family Month". He stated that John Taylor had attended the meeting with him and they would both report thereon.

(i) The Community Programming Department of Coquitlam Cablevision is headed by Robert Perryman - Programming Animator.

(ii) Short five-minute interviews were proposed for the areas to be concentrated upon, i.e. Kincaid, Horizons and SHAFT.

(iii) Representatives of the following five services would be interviewed for the five-minute periods, with the suggestion that they submit their own questions and also arrange for an interviewer if possible:

- Family Court Committee
- SHAFT
- Kincaid
- Horizons
- Probation Services.

(iv) Each of the individuals involved in the interview process to contact Mr. Perryman directly and arrange to attend his office if convenient on Thursday, April 26, 1979 - Telephone No. 939-2277.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Continued

Alderman Wright and Mr. Taylor enlarged on their conversations with Mr. Perryman and advised the Committee that a followup program with onsite filming could be discussed with up to 30 minutes of film for each of the various areas. The short five-minute interview spots will be prepared in time to promote May as "Family Month" with the longer interviews to be aired later in the year.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Family Court Committee interviews be part of the "Family Month" promotion.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT letters be forwarded to Kincaid, SHAFT, Horizons and Probation Services with copies to Mr. Perryman confirming that the individuals involved contact Channel 10 directly to arrange for interviews, sponsored by this Committee.

- (b) The Chairman advised that it would appear that no one person is co-ordinating "Family Month" this year. The Council for the Family is apparently arranging a Marriage Commitment Course.

Mr. Maddalozzo advised that the S.H.A.R.E. Society has scheduled May 6th, 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Maillardville Place, 300 Laval Square, for a display. Miss Roest also advised that presentations will be made during the "Open House" and that the Probation Services is putting a display on in the evenings.

It was suggested by the Chairman that The Coquitlam Herald should be approached to publish a calendar of events to allow the general public to decide which event they wish to attend.

- (c) Volunteer Second Laurentian Girl Guides. Miss Roest suggested that the S.H.A.R.E. Society could use the offer of assistance by this group.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT a letter be forwarded to the Laurentian Girl Guides advising that this Committee would not require their assistance but that they contact Mr. Don Ramsey at S.H.A.R.E., Telephone - 526-3791.

- (d) Re "Family Month" Promotion. Discussion ensued relative to the posters and bumper stickers formerly proposed. It was the concensus of the Committee that since the elections would also be held during the month of May, both bumper stickers and posters would be superfluous.

The Secretary advised the Committee that a promotional article had been placed by herself in the Port Moody "Newsletter" which is sent to all residents of Port Moody. Alderman Wright volunteered to try to get an article inserted in the Port Coquitlam newsletter. The Chairman and Alderman Goudzwaard advised that they would contact the community associations in the area for promotion through their newsletters.

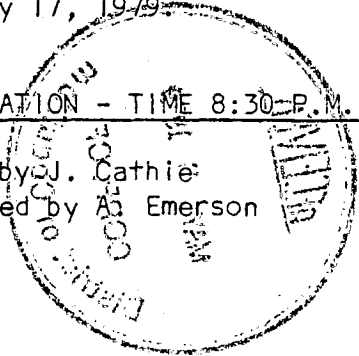
- (e) Statute detailing guidelines for Family Court Committee. It was noted by the Committee that the name in Section 4 of the Statute is "Family Court Committee" not "Family Division Committee". It was generally agreed that all future items of business shall carry the name "Family Court Committee".

5. OTHER BUSINESS (Continued)

(f) Invitation to Mr. Sean Maddigan to attend meeting. The Secretary advised that Mr. Maddigan's office had contacted her with a tentative attendance scheduled for the next Committee Meeting on May 17, 1979.

6. TERMINATION - TIME 8:30 P.M.

Moved by J. Cathie
Seconded by A. Emerson



Carried ...

The next scheduled meeting of the Family Court Committee will be May 17, 1979 at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chamber, Port Moody, B.C.

(Mrs.) P. D. Goodwin
Secretary

CONFIRMED on the _____ day of _____, 1979.

Chairman

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District of Coquitlam

FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE

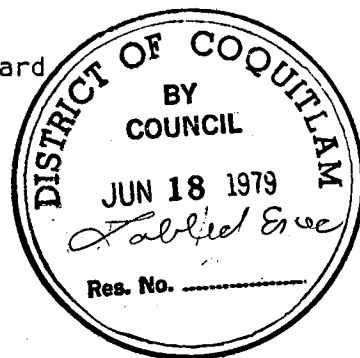
MINUTES

MAY 17, 1979

The thirty-second meeting of the "School District No. 43 Joint Family Court Committee" was held in the Council Chamber of the Public Safety Building, 2718 St. John's Street, Port Moody, B. C. on Thursday, May 17, 1979 at 7:30 P. M.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Port Moody:	S. Francis (Chairman) Alderman D. A. F. Goudzwaard
Coquitlam:	D. Kenmuir A. Emerson K. Gillies *D. J. Fraser
Port Coquitlam:	Alderman E. W. Mabbett J. Cathie
Also Present:	B. Roest R. Fleck P. D. Goodwin (Secretary)



The Chair recognized Andrea Lok who is doing research under the auspices of the United Way on a study entitled "Human Care Needs" in School District No. 43. Miss Lok advised the Committee that all resources in the area are being reviewed, and the questions "What needs are not being met and what improvements can be made?" are being asked. The completed report will be forwarded to the United Way and a copy could be obtained for the information of the Committee.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by J. Cathie

Seconded by Alderman Goudzwaard THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of April 19, 1979 be taken as read and adopted.

Carried ...

2. ATTENDANCE BY CROWN COUNSEL

The Chairman advised that Mr. S. Maddigan and Mr. R. Wright had contacted the Secretary and advised that, due to an emergency situation, they could not attend this evening's Committee meeting.

The Chair asked that the Committee outline the format of discussion that would be held with Messrs. Maddigan and Wright. The following items were detailed by the Committee:

- (a) Changes in Judges.
- (b) Continuity of the people on the bench.
- (c) Administration problems.
- (d) Three Crown Counsels.
- (e) On what basis are allocations of Crown Counsels made?
- (f) Other items of concern.

Discussions continued as to whether a luncheon meeting should be scheduled, but it was the view of the Committee that this would not be convenient to all members.

2. ATTENDANCE BY CROWN COUNSEL (Continued)

Moved by D. Kenmuir

Seconded by Alderman Goudzwaard THAT, since it is inconvenient for Committee members to attend a luncheon meeting, the Crown Counsel and his associate be invited to attend the next regular meeting of the Committee on June 21, 1979 at 7:30 P. M.

Carried Unanimously ...

3. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) The Honourable Grace M. McCarthy, Minister of Human Resources re: Highlighting Programmes

This correspondence dated April 20, 1979 thanked the Committee for submitting details of the programmes to be highlighted during the Year of the Child and Family in the community.

Moved by Alderman Goudzwaard

Seconded by D. Kenmuir THAT the correspondence be received.

Carried ...

(b) Greater Coquitlam Volunteer Bureau re: Funding

The letter dated March 19, 1979 requested assistance by the Committee in the representation by the Bureau to the three councils for financial assistance.

Mr. Robert Jackson, Chairman of the Bureau, volunteered further information if required.

After discussion as to the type of assistance required, it was

Moved by Alderman Mabbett

Seconded by A. Emerson THAT Mr. Jackson be requested to meet with the Committee at the next scheduled meeting on June 21, 1979 to furnish additional details on his operation.

Carried Unanimously ...

4. REPORTS

(a) Chairman re: Report on Diversion and Accountability Boards

The report on the agenda gave a point form outline of a recommended model of Juvenile Diversion Program.

The Chairman verbally reported on the meeting of the Justice Council and advised that, at the meeting, a preliminary short draft had been reviewed with a full report to follow. From the preliminary report, the Delta program appeared to be the most expensive due to the time factor and direct referral.

The Chairman continued that the points of discussion appeared to be who was going to be on the Justice Council rather than discussion on the offender.

Bev Roest referred to the resignation of Inspector Galbraith of the Coquitlam R.C.M.P. who had instituted the Juvenile Diversion Program. Ms. Roest expressed concern as to whether this program will be carried through by the Inspector to be appointed.

Alderman Mabbett stated that the resignation of the Inspector is a serious problem. He advised that long discussions had been held relative to the possible breaking down of the new method of policing introduced by Inspector Galbraith. These new methods have had such excellent results.

4. REPORTS

(a) Chairman re: Report on Diversion and Accountability Boards
(Continued)

Alderman Mabbett continued that both Mayor Tonn and Mayor Campbell are meeting after the Federal Election with the senior officer of the R.C.M.P. relative to the new appointment. He concluded that the new policing methods have only been in effect for a year, but the proof is starting to show.

The Committee expressed appreciation to Inspector Galbraith for the promotion of the community programs and the excellent results therefrom.

Moved by J. Cathie

Seconded by K. Gillies THAT the Committee write to Mayor Tonn and Mayor Campbell commending Inspector Galbraith for his programs and expressing the hope that his successor will continue the policies and philosophies of Inspector Galbraith.

Carried Unanimously ...

Recommendation to R.C.M.P.

THAT the report on Diversion and Accountability Boards has been received and the ideas are supported; AND THAT the Committee will contact them further on this item at a later date.

(b) Verbal Report by Karen Gillies re: Student Committee Member

Karen Gillies advised the Committee that she had met with the Student Council at Centennial School without too much success. She introduced *Douglas J. Fraser who is attending Centennial School in Grade 11.

Miss Gillies stated that Mr. Fraser is an interested student and together with two students, had been invited to sit in on this Committee meeting. The other two students had asked to be excused due to other commitments. The Chairman welcomed Doug Fraser to the meeting.

Discussion centred on the student representation with D. Kenmuir advising the Committee that, to be truly representative, a student should be invited from each of the senior secondary schools in School District No. 43. Miss Gillies stated that it was her understanding that the student was asked from Centennial School since it is the largest senior secondary of the area.

Moved by D. Kenmuir

Seconded by K. Gillies THAT the Committee forward a letter of invitation to the Presidents of the Student Councils for the Centennial, Port Coquitlam and Port Moody Senior Secondary Schools for a member of the student body to participate as a representative from their school to sit on the Family Court Committee at the earliest Committee meeting convenient to them.

Carried Unanimously ...

(c) Verbal Reports by Committee Members re: Channel 10 Interview for "Family Month"

R. Fleck advised that it was his understanding from J. Maddalozzo that Channel 10 would like a representative from the Family Court Committee to be taped for a television interview explaining all of its programs rather than a program being taped on each individual organization.

4. REPORTS

(c) Verbal Reports by Committee Members re: Channel 10 Interview for "Family Month" (Continued)

D. Kenmuir stated that she had attempted to contact the Channel 10 representative without success.

The Chairman stated that she will personally attend the Channel 10 office on this item and report back to the Committee at its next meeting.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

(a) S.H.A.R.E. Society - Open House

R. Fleck gave details of the S.H.A.R.E. Society's Open House at Kincaid Treatment Resources scheduled for May 29, 1979 from 2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Fleck stated that the Annual Meeting of the S.H.A.R.E. Society will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Place Maillardville when there will be election of officers. Mr. Fleck asked the Committee members if they would like to have a member of the Committee on the S.H.A.R.E. Board.

Mr. Emerson stated that it is not in the Committee's constitution to join any one society. The representative from S.H.A.R.E. at this time is Wynn Mudge, and if this representative is unable to attend the Committee meetings, another representative should be appointed from S.H.A.R.E.

(b) Correspondence - City of Port Moody re: Greater Coquitlam Volunteer Bureau

This late item of correspondence was distributed to the members of the Committee. It is a request from the City of Port Moody for investigation and review of the application for assistance from the Greater Coquitlam Volunteer Bureau.

The Chairman noted that the representative from the Bureau has been invited to attend the next meeting and this correspondence could be dealt with at that time.

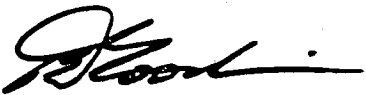
D. Kenmuir advised the Committee that the Volunteer Bureau supplies volunteers throughout the School District to the schools and is an invaluable assistance and an excellent service.

6. TERMINATION - TIME 9:05 P. M.

Moved by A. Emerson
Seconded by Alderman Goudzwaard

Carried ...

The next scheduled meeting of the Family Court Committee will be June 21, 1979 at 7:30 P. M. in the Council Chamber, Port Moody, B. C.



(Mrs.) P. D. Goodwin
Secretary

CONFIRMED on the _____ day of _____, 1979.

Chairman

TABLE

FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

JUNE 21, 1979



The thirty-third meeting of the "School District No. 43 Joint Family Court Committee" was held in the Council Chamber of the Public Safety Building, 2718 St. John's Street, Port Moody, B. C. on Thursday, June 21, 1979 at 7:30 P. M.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Port Moody:	S. Francis (Chairman) J. Taylor
Coquitlam:	A. Emerson M. Bouliane
Port Coquitlam:	Alderman M. R. Wright J. Cathie
Also Present:	B. Roest P. D. Goodwin (Secretary)



The Chair recognized Mr. Sean Madigan, Regional Crown Counsel; Constable John Booton, Juvenile Officer, Port Moody Police; and Ms. Andrea Look, Student.

The Chair welcomed Mr. Madigan to the Committee Meeting and stated that the members would deal with the regular items of Committee business as detailed on the agenda after discussions had been held with Mr. Madigan.

Mr. Madigan gave an outline of the duties of the Crown Counsels in Coquitlam. There is very little Family Court in the area, but they deal with all Juvenile Court. Juvenile prosecution is only one day a week in Coquitlam.

The Chairman questioned how does the Crown Counsel office fit into the Court system.

Mr. Madigan replied that they receive the report from the Police and decide if there is a charge. If a charge, then it is put on to Probation for a report. Probation will recommend whether they will deal out of Court or otherwise. If the Probation decide out of Court, then Mr. Madigan's office has nothing more to do with it. If they say in Court, then the Crown Counsel's office subpoena the witnesses and complete the due process. In most instances, it is treated the same as Adult Court.

Mr. Madigan continued that a lot of objections are raised to the changing of Prosecuting Counsels, but the lawyers hired are looking for experience and variety which is not obtainable in Juvenile Court. Some of the Prosecutors lack experience, but the experienced Prosecutors do not wish to work on juvenile cases.

Mr. Madigan gave a review of the following problems:

1. Shortage of secretarial staff. The juvenile charges are the worst kind of typing tasks. A juvenile case could have up to 50 B. & E.'s. You don't get that kind of charge against an adult.
2. Budget restrictions. The fees on hiring of permanent staff are in effect until April of 1980.
3. Quality of reports from the Police. Many of the Police reports do not give complete details on juveniles. This is also a problem on some adult cases.
4. Young, inexperienced Prosecutors.

5. High cost of prosecuting. A group of juveniles could be charged for drinking in a park. This is followed by a tremendous typing and workload and when the juveniles get into Court, the Judge says, "Don't do it again".

Questions and answers followed by members of the Committee.

Bev Roest stated that the parents get backup when their child is put through the Juvenile Court process. It reinforces their parental authority.

Accountability Boards were discussed and the actions of some Judges who ensure that the offenders work sometimes 40 to 50 hours on projects with the victims receiving benefits therefrom.

The Chairman questioned whether the Court Users' Committee would be able to assist with the expediting of the workload.

Mr. Madigan advised that they discuss the uses of the Court facilities.

He continued that if the Police have specific problem areas, this should be brought to the attention of the Crown Counsels' office. Relative to the diversion programs, they are only useful for those juveniles who will admit to the crime. The hardened juvenile will never admit anything. He continued that there are meetings held with the Police Chiefs of the areas on a regular basis and this could be an opportunity for problem areas to be discussed.

The Chairman stated that it is the Committee's understanding that in the new Court system, there will be new Criminal Court and new Family Court facilities.

Mr. Madigan stated that the main problem is staffing. Smaller units of talented people can make any system work, but hiring talented people costs a lot of money. All municipalities want the best Adult/Family/Juvenile Courts. Emergency situations do arrive and everyone must be prepared to pitch in to assist. The municipalities have not helped since 1974. He continued that he did not think the juvenile problem in the Coquitlam/Port Coquitlam/Port Moody area is out of control by any means and that with good intentions and improved communications, things will work out.

Questions centred on the hiring of ad hoc Prosecutors. Mr. Madigan advised that the ad hoc hiring cuts down the total civil servants and all the benefits that would be paid thereto. In addition, the more experienced Prosecutors are hired for a specific case and we only have to pay for their time in Court. Sometimes the lawyers are hired for a year on a contract basis, but this results in the Prosecutors not practicing law and cuts down on their remuneration received. He concluded that there is no easy answer. It is all based on the following:

- (a) Personalities.
- (b) Government action.
- (c) Law getting more complicated.
- (d) Inexperienced people.

The Chair questioned whether there was any way in which the Committee could assist by lobbying for any other methods that would improve the backlog of cases and speed up the process for the juveniles.

Mr. Madigan stated that communication is a big asset. Some Police Chiefs and Municipal Managers could assist. It is helpful to our Department if we are aware of a particular policing problem. It helps us when relevant information is passed on to us. He continued that everyone assures him that everything is fine, however, if there is a letter addressed to him stating a specific problem or suggestion, then something will be done about it.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Madigan for attending the Family Court Committee Meeting.

Mr. Madigan left the Meeting - Time 9:00 P. M.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by J. Taylor

Seconded by J. Cathie THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of May 17, 1979 be taken as read and adopted.

Carried ...

2. MR. SEAN MADIGAN, REGIONAL CROWN COUNSEL

This item was given first priority and has been dealt with.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) District of Coquitlam re: Alternate Council members

The correspondence dated May 25, 1979 advised that Alderman B. T. H. Robinson had been appointed alternate to Alderman Sekora.

Moved by Alderman Wright

Seconded by A. Emerson THAT the correspondence be received.

Carried Unanimously ...

4. REPORTS

(a) Verbal report by Chairman re: Channel 10 interviews

The Chairman advised that a meeting has been scheduled for discussions with the resource people for Monday, July 9, 1979 at 7:00 P. M. The meeting will be held at the offices of Channel 10 on Ridgeway. The Chairman invited any member of the Committee to attend and stated that she would be contacting the resource people personally on this item.

(b) Verbal report by Chairman re: Kincaid "Open House"

The Chairman advised that Alderman A. C. Hulbert of Port Moody had reported on her attendance at the Kincaid "Open House" and had found it most informative.

(c) Verbal report by Chairman re: International Year of the Child Publicity

The Chairman thanked the Secretary to the Committee for inserting an article dealing with the Kincaid Treatment Resources in the Port Moody "Newsletter" distributed June, 1979.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) Greater Coquitlam Volunteer Bureau re: Funding

(c) City of Port Moody re: Greater Coquitlam Volunteer Bureau

These two items were to be discussed tonight with the Chairman of the Bureau, Mr. Robert Jackson. Mr. Jackson was not present at the meeting, but will be invited to attend the next scheduled Committee Meeting in September. Alderman Wright advised that the United Way have given a grant to the Volunteer Bureau for 1980 administration.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Continued)

(b) Student Committee Member

This item to remain on Unfinished Business. The Secretary will contact the Student Councils early in September when school re-opens. It was the Committee's opinion that the school principals should also be advised of the invitation for a student member to the Committee.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Correspondence from the Court Administrator, Provincial Court, dated June 12, 1979 had been received dealing with the identification of Judges in the Court Room.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT this item be placed on the Unfinished Business section of the agenda and an invitation be extended to Alderman Robinson to attend the next meeting of the Committee to discuss this item of correspondence further.

Moved by J. Cathie

Seconded by Alderman Wright THAT the correspondence be received.

Carried Unanimously ...

The Chair thanked Constable John Booton, Juvenile Officer of the Port Moody Police, for attending the meeting.

7. TERMINATION - TIME 9:20 P. M.

Moved by A. Emerson

Seconded by J. Cathie

Carried ...

The next scheduled meeting of the Family Court Committee will be September 20, 1979 at 7:30 P. M. in the Council Chamber, Port Moody, B. C.



(Mrs.) P. D. Goodwin
Secretary

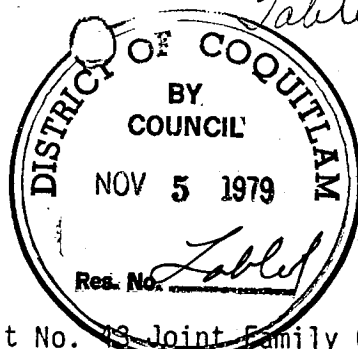
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Chairman

FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 20, 1979



The thirty-fourth meeting of the "School District No. 43 Joint Family Court Committee" was held in the Council Chamber of the Public Safety Building, 2718 St. John's Street, Port Moody, B. C. on Thursday, September 20, 1979 at 7:30 P. M.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Port Moody: S. Francis (Chairman)
Alderman D. A. F. Goudzwaard
*J. Taylor (Alternate)

Coquitlam: Alderman Brian T. H. Robinson (Alternate)
D. Kenmuir
M. Bouliane

Port Coquitlam: Alderman M. R. Wright
J. Cathie

Also Present: S. Sharlow - Probation Services
R. Fleck - Horizon Receiving & Assessment
J. Maddalozzo - Kincaid Treatment Resource
D. Estergaard - Kincaid Treatment Resource
W. Mudge - S.H.A.R.E.
F. Wong - Student, Centennial High School
M. Wright - Student, Moody Senior Secondary
P. D. Goodwin (Secretary)

The Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed the student representatives, the new Family Consultant from Kincaid, Mr. Estergaard, and Alderman Robinson. The members of the Committee introduced themselves and stated their affiliation with Councils and/or Associations.

Moved by Alderman Goudzwaard
Seconded by Alderman Wright THAT Item 3(a) on the Agenda be brought forward and dealt with at this time.

Carried Unanimously ...

Alderman Robinson spoke to his correspondence relative to the identification of judges. Discussion ensued with points being raised by the Committee that often the families are not present in the Court Room when the Court Clerk introduces the judge. The Probation Services stated that they provide judge identification as part of their service to the family members.

Subsequent to additional debate, it was

Moved by Alderman Wright
Seconded by J. Cathie THAT the Committee correspond with other Family Court Committees detailing some of the concerns expressed during meetings over the past year and ask them if they would like to engage in an exchange of information with this Committee.

Carried Unanimously ...

The Chairman stated that since Alderman Robinson expressed the wish to leave the meeting at an early time, the Agenda Items 3(b) and (d) be brought forward and dealt with. Items 3(b) and (d) - Greater Coquitlam Volunteer Bureau and City of Port Moody request for investigation and report on same.

Alderman Robinson gave background data on the Bureau and the Committee's donation thereto in 1978. He advised that the Bureau has received status under the United Way for 1980. They obtain \$10,000.00 from Human Resources, but need \$17,000.00 to operate efficiently. Other sources are required to make up the \$7,000.00 difference.

Discussion centred on the Bureau and its activities in the community. Alderman Robinson advised that once an organization qualifies under the United Way, the Municipality of Coquitlam does not give grants. Alderman Wright stated that Port Coquitlam has a no grant policy.

Moved by Alderman Goudzwaard THAT the Family Court Committee consider the possibility of donating a grant of \$200.00 to the Greater Coquitlam Volunteer Bureau upon receipt of operating expense data.

No seconder. Resolution lost.

Moved by Alderman Robinson

Seconded by D. Kenmuir THAT the Family Court Committee correspond with the Greater Coquitlam Volunteer Bureau stating that the members of the Court Committee are supportive of the volunteer efforts in the community and appreciate the service that is provided to the citizens of this area.

Carried Unanimously ...

*J. Taylor entered the meeting. Time - 8:20 P. M.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Wright

Seconded by Alderman Robinson THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of June 21, 1979 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously ...

2. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Kincaid Treatment Resource re: Report to April 1, 1979

Moved by Alderman Goudzwaard

Seconded by Alderman Wright THAT the report be received.

Carried Unanimously ...

J. Maddalozzo invited questions relative to the report.

Discussion centred on the impact of the hiring of Family Support Workers under the new program. The job description and salary grade were commented upon. Committee members noted the increased quantity of brochures being produced by the Provincial Government, particularly related to children and family matters, and the parallel of expenditures as it relates to the production of the brochures versus the service needed by families of the District.

Moved by D. Kenmuir

Seconded by J. Cathie THAT this Family Court Committee address itself to the matter of improvement of and addition to existing resources for children in District No. 43. The specific services being Kincaid Treatment Resource, Horizon Receiving and Assessment, S.H.A.F.T. and the need for foster homes; AND THAT the Minister be so advised.

Carried Unanimously ...

Considerable debate ensued as to the various agencies and their needs. It was emphasized that the need for resources for young people in the area was at a crisis level.

RECOMMENDATION BY THE COMMITTEE

THAT copies of the correspondence to the Minister as directed by the above resolution be forwarded to the M. L. A., M. P. and Councils for the area.

2. CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

(b) B. C. Council for the Family re: Input to Family Month

Moved by Alderman Goudzwaard
Seconded by Alderman Wright THAT the correspondence be received.

Carried Unanimously ...

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(c) Student Committee Members

Moved by J. Cathie
Seconded by M. Bouliane THAT the Committee recommend to the Council of Coquitlam, Council of Port Coquitlam and Council of Port Moody that the Family Court Committee membership be extended by adding two members and alternates from the Student Councils of Port Coquitlam High School and Port Moody High School.

Carried Unanimously ...

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE

THAT the names of the proposed students be included in the application to the Councils; AND THAT it be clarified that the existing membership of the Family Court Committee does include a representative from the Centennial High School in Coquitlam.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

(a) Coquitlam Institute for Growth

J. Taylor referred to a brochure prepared by the Coquitlam Institute for Growth and requested that this item be placed on the next Family Court Agenda. The Chairman concurred with this recommendation.

(b) Ruling on Committee Meetings being Open to the Public

Committee members expressed their views as to the desirability of having meetings that may be attended by members of the press and public at large. It was noted that some of the speakers to the Committee meetings had requested that the subject be "in-camera".

RECOMMENDATION BY THE COMMITTEE

THAT future Family Court Committee meetings be open to invited guests.

5. TERMINATION - TIME 9:30 P. M.

Moved by Alderman Wright
Seconded by J. Cathie

Carried Unanimously ...

The next scheduled meeting of the Family Court Committee will be Thursday, October 18, 1979 at 7:30 P. M. in the Council Chamber, Port Moody, B. C.



(Mrs.) P. D. Goodwin
Secretary

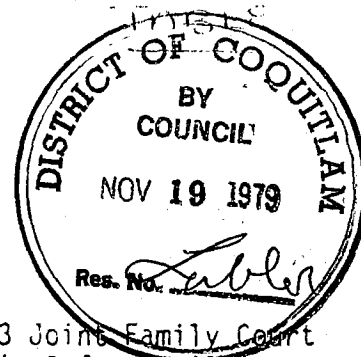
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Chairman

FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

OCTOBER 18, 1979



The thirty-fifth meeting of the "School District No. 43 Joint Family Court Committee" was held in the Council Chamber of the Public Safety Building, 2718 St. John's Street, Port Moody, B. C. on Thursday, October 18, 1979 at 7:30 P. M.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Port Moody:	S. Francis (Chairman) Alderman D. A. F. Goudzwaard J. Taylor (Alternate)
Coquitlam:	D. Kenmuir M. Bouliane A. Emerson
Also Present:	R. Fleck - Horizon Receiving & Assessment J. Maddalozzo - Kincaid Treatment Resource D. B. Kenny - Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order, pointing out that she had received apologies from elected officials from Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam as they had to attend regional meetings. S. Francis further pointed out that Karen Gillies and Dorothy Ross should now be contacted regularly, as well as our new student representatives, as to attending meetings.

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Goudzwaard
Seconded by M. Bouliane THAT the minutes of the Family Court Committee Meeting of September 20, 1979, be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously ...

2. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) S.H.A.R.E. re: Horizon Receiving & Assessment Centre,
1979/80 Budget

(b) Horizon Receiving & Assessment Centre re: Budget

It was agreed that input from both (a) and (b) above would be discussed at the same time.

R. Fleck and J. Maddalozzo proceeded to outline to Committee members the concern they share in connection with the cutting back of necessary services due to budget restraints of their respective affiliations. R. Fleck advised that one area of concern is the method of receiving grants which has been changed from quarterly installments to monthly, thereby losing interest. The grant is only 5% over last year which means, after operating costs, etc. are taken care of, only 1% for salary increases can be realized. Because of this, S.H.A.R.E. has decided to reduce two beds and operate on six assessment beds, terminate one full-time child care counsellor and reduce cook-housekeeper services. As a result of this, 9% will be able to be applied to salaries.

R. Fleck pointed out that there is a new dimension to the assessment part of the Horizon program. Now any child coming into the program will receive a psychological assessment from the Mental Health Department with no waiting period. This is definitely a step forward and will add depth to the overall program.

2. CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

The reward system was discussed as was behaviour modification and reality therapy. It was pointed out that children can earn money on a reward basis. The children are responsible for their own actions. Input is received from the children in the decision making process and the children can initiate changes through this vehicle.

J. Maddalozzo outlined the difference in the grant procedure pointing out the grant from the Ministry does not reflect the capital grant. Last year, the grant was \$123,000. and this year \$125,000., which is much less than 5%. The Ministry saves a lot of money by holding money back and receiving interest from it.

R. Fleck advised there is a change in the geographical areas. Our area now consists of Port Moody, Port Coquitlam, Coquitlam, Pitt Meadows, Maple Ridge and Mission. This means the further loss of assessment beds at our disposal.

The Chairman pointed out that from all aspects it appears that things are getting worse and questioned if we could enforce this any more.

After further discussion, it was

Moved by Alderman Goudzwaard

Seconded by D. Kenmuir THAT in light of what we have heard this evening, and having perused the salary scale, it would be advisable to send a further letter to the Ministry expressing how unacceptable it is to reduce the beds and budget when the needs are increasing; having to cut wages is reprehensible. The terms of funding are something that has to be done immediately and if the Government is not prepared to treat this as a priority, we will do something in our own community.

Carried Unanimously ...

It was agreed that copies of the original letter be also forwarded to the Board of Directors of S.H.A.R.E., Mr. Norm Levi, M.L.A., Mr. Sid Abma of the Ministry of Human Resources and Mr. Hugh Seville, Ex-Director of the Ministry of Human Resources, and that the aforementioned persons also be sent carbon copies of the above-mentioned letter.

(c) Norm Levi's M.L.A. Report re: Budget Cutbacks

D. Kenmuir pointed out that Mr. Levi has demonstrated an interest in these matters at a most appropriate time.

Moved by M. Bouliane

Seconded by D. Kenmuir THAT all the aforementioned correspondence be received.

Carried Unanimously ...

3. REPORTS

(a) Verbal Report re: Symposium of B. C. Association of Justice Counsels "Encounters of the Justice Kind"

The Chairman reported that the above-mentioned symposium had taken place last week at the Richmond Inn. Unfortunately, we did not receive information that this was taking place until after the last meeting and not in time to do very much about it. S. Francis pointed out that we should have had someone there as many of the workshops were related to what we have been talking about this year.

3. REPORTS (Continued)

D. Kenmuir asked if there were any recommendations arising from the symposium.

The Chairman advised that she had tried to get one of the three people locally to come and talk with us. Hopefully they will be able to attend the next meeting.

After discussion, it was

Moved by Alderman Goudzwaard

Seconded by D. Kenmuir THAT we contact the B. C. Association for Justice Counsels and request that they send us correspondence with respect to their meetings and also copies of their meeting agendas so that we might take part. Also, that they send us information as to any recommendations that came out of the symposium.

Carried Unanimously ...

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) Copy Correspondence to The Honourable Grace McCarthy and Attached Briefs

- Dealt with in conjunction with correspondence.

(b) Copy Correspondence to Adjacent Family Court Committees

- We are waiting for a reply.

(c) Student Committee Members

- Still waiting to hear from Port Coquitlam.

(d) Request to Municipal Councils for Additional Committee Members to include Student Representation from Port Coquitlam & Port Moody High Schools

- Still awaiting replies.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

(a) A circular from The Coquitlam Institute for Growth was discussed. It contained information for various programs offered in conjunction with the United Church.

Moved by Alderman Goudzwaard

Seconded by D. Kenmuir THAT we send a letter to the Como Lake United Church applauding their endeavours.

Carried Unanimously ...

(b) The Chairman asked if the Committee wish to hold a meeting in December. D. Kenmuir stated she felt it should be left open in case we get additional feedback in connection with our letter to the Minister re budgeting restraints. All agreed.

The Chairman then stated that the suggestion had been made that the November meeting be a dinner meeting. All present felt this was not a good idea.

(c) A vote of thanks was given to John Maddalozzo and Rick Fleck for all their hard work.

6. TERMINATION - TIME 8:50 P. M.

Moved by A. Emerson
Seconded by D. Kenmuir

Carried Unanimously ...

The next scheduled meeting of the Family Court Committee will be Thursday, November 15, 1979 at 7:30 P. M. in the Council Chamber, Port Moody, B. C.

Donna B. Kenny

(Mrs.) Donna B. Kenny
Secretary

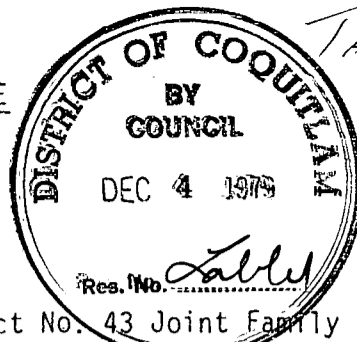
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Chairman

FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 15, 1979



The thirty-sixth meeting of the "School District No. 43 Joint Family Court Committee" was held in the Council Chamber of the Public Safety Building, 2718 St. John's Street, Port Moody, B. C. on Thursday, November 15, 1979 at 7:30 P. M.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Port Moody: S. Francis (Chairman)
Alderman D. A. F. Goudzwaard
*J. Taylor (Alternate)

Coquitlam: D. Kenmuir

Port Coquitlam: Alderman M. Wright
J. Cathie
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. Gray - Horizon Receiving & Assessment
**D. Vater - Chairman of the Board - S.H.A.R.E.
P. D. Goodwin - Secretary

1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Goudzwaard
Seconded by D. Kenmuir THAT the minutes of the Family Court Committee Meeting of October 18, 1979 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously ...

2. CORRESPONDENCE

*J. Taylor entered the meeting. Time 7:40 P. M.

- (a) District of Coquitlam - Copy of Correspondence to The Honourable Grace McCarthy

- (b) Mark W. Rose, M. P. - Acknowledgement

- (c) Corporation of the City of New Westminster Family Division of Provincial Court Committee - Invitation to Meeting

- (d) Ministry of Human Resources - Reply to Family Court's Enquiry and received too late for inclusion on agenda - Copies circulated to all members present.

Moved by Alderman Wright
Seconded by J. Cathie THAT the above correspondence be received.

Carried Unanimously ...

Discussion centred on the reply from the Minister of Human Resources dated November 5, 1979 referred to in (d) above. Alderman Wright suggested that representatives from the Committee arrange an appointment to meet with the Minister on the problems.

Jon Taylor suggested that the Committee promote public hearings in the different municipalities to advise the people of its concerns. The Committee to spend its budget on advertising and press releases to tell the public at large the problems facing the resource people in the area. Some of the concerns to be placed before a public enquiry.

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Considerable discussion ensued relative to the general apathy shown at the various All-Candidates Meetings being held at this time and whether there would be attendance at a public hearing should it be called. Alderman Wright referred to a report that had been compiled by the Committee for United Way for the Lower Mainland which would be useful reference material.

**Mr. Doug Vater entered the meeting. Time 8:00 P. M.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Vater, Chairman of the Board of S.H.A.R.E., and also introduced Mr. Gray, Child Care Counsellor with Horizons, who was representing his associate, Richard Fleck, this evening. The Chairman advised the Committee that they had heard that Mr. Richard Fleck has resigned from his position with Horizons.

Mr. Doug Vater referred to the S.H.A.R.E. letter dated October 1, 1979 to the Minister of Human Resources detailing the severe problems facing the families in School District No. 43. A reply from the Minister dated November 2, 1979 was then read to members of the Committee, which stated that a report was being requested by the Regional Manager on the specific problems. Correspondence dated October 22, 1979 from the Co-Ordinator, Family and Children's Services, related to the Horizons Receiving Home, which emphasized that the Ministry does not wish the Horizons Receiving Home to continue with assessments or diagnostic services, but the Ministry will continue to require behaviour observation reports during the term of the children's stay.

John Maddalozzo read aloud the letter dated October 17, 1979 addressed to the Minister which set out the problem areas and were broken into the following sections:

- (a) Grant notification.
- (b) Granting procedure.

Mr. Doug Vater advised that he was seeking a meeting with the Regional Manager and that the 6% budget was presented today. He referred also to the Selection Committee for the new Director, who will upon appointment select his assistant. Mr. Vater clarified the wording that the Ministry do not want an assessment centre, just a receiving centre. He concluded by giving an update of the actions of the Board of Directors.

The Chair recognized Mr. Dan Gray from Horizons Receiving. Mr. Gray stated that his associate, Mr. Richard Fleck, had asked him to comment on his reasons for leaving. He stated that the situation had pushed Mr. Fleck into resigning; together with other factors. Mr. Gray continued that the Horizons Receiving Home is doing the same job with less money and fewer people. In addition to the Director leaving, a Child Care Counsellor has also left. In essence, the Government says that if you need more money, just cut the service.

Mr. Vater advised the Committee that they were hoping to bring in some volunteer help which would be under the directorship of the present staff and the new Director.

Considerable discussion ensued on the guidelines for the Receiving Home. It was evident that the Department of Human Resources were satisfied with the program, but did not want as much assessment work carried out. Mr. Vater advised that the new Regional Manager had his office right in the District and combined with educational work to District Supervisors as to what the Horizons can or cannot do; this position is more hopeful. He concluded that Horizons have their rules and they are not going to back down on these. When questioned whether a public hearing would be of benefit, Mr. Vater replied that all input would be of assistance.

Alderman Goudzwaard suggested that there be a press release followed by a public hearing with a possible public enquiry before meetings were held between the Horizons Board and the Director. Due to the time required to formulate a public hearing, the committee was advised that the meetings would be held prior thereto, but the knowledge that a hearing was being scheduled would be beneficial.

Considerable debate ensued on the proposals of a public meeting and/or public enquiry.

Moved by Alderman Goudzwaard

Seconded by D. Kenmuir THAT the Chairperson of this Committee draw up a press release advising of the situation and pointing out that the Committee has contacted the Minister of Human Resources and received a reply to no avail; AND THAT the following proceedings be instituted:

1. Schedule a public hearing for the people of Port Moody, Port Coquitlam and Coquitlam before the end of January.
2. Allot \$400.00 from the Committee's budget for advertising of the public hearing.
3. Chairperson to strike up a Committee.

Debate ensued on the resolution to some length. Question was called.

Voting - Yea - Alderman Goudzwaard, D. Kenmuir
Nay - Alderman Wright, J. Cathie

Tie vote. The Chairperson voted in the affirmative.

Resolution carried.

The Chairperson struck a Committee of the Whole to meet to discuss the objects of the public hearing. The Committee of the Whole to meet on Thursday, November 29, 1979 at 7:30 P. M. in the City of Port Moody Council Chambers.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

(c) Corporation of the City of New Westminster Family Division of Provincial Court Committee - Invitation to Meeting

It was the decision of the Committee that Sheila Francis and John Taylor will attend the luncheon meeting and report back to the Committee.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(e) B. C. Association of Justice Counsels

The Chairperson verbally reported that she had telephoned the local Justice Counsel for a speaker to come to the Court Committee to speak on the symposium, without success. The minutes of the symposium had been received and they were passed to the Committee Secretary for distribution to the members with the next regular meeting agenda.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Jon Taylor apologized to any members of the Committee for any remarks that he had made during the evening and stated that these were not meant to be made on a personal basis.
- (b) Alderman Goudzwaard referred to the minutes of the Family Court Committee.

Moved by Alderman Goudzwaard

Seconded by Alderman Wright THAT the City Clerks of the District of Coquitlam, City of Port Coquitlam and City of Port Moody be requested to place the Committee minutes on Council agendas for Council's information.

Carried Unanimously ...

5. TERMINATION - TIME 10:25 P. M.

Moved by Alderman Wright
Seconded by Alderman Goudzwaard

Carried Unanimously ...

N.B. The special meeting of the Family Court Committee to discuss the proposed public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, November 29, 1979 at 7:30 P. M. in the Council Chamber, Port Moody, B. C. Please attend!!



(Mrs.) P. D. Goodwin
Secretary

CONFIRMED on the _____ day of _____, 1979. _____ Chairman