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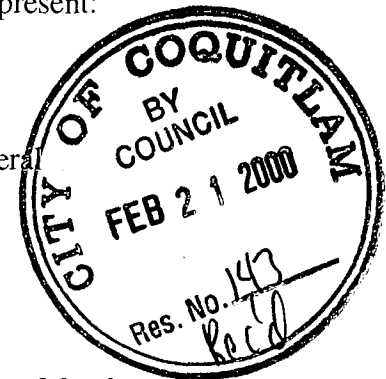


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**SEXUALLY EXPLOITED YOUTH
COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2000**

A Regular Meeting of the Sexually Exploited Youth Committee of Council convened on Wednesday, February 9, 2000 at 7:00 pm in the Human Resources Training Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam B.C. with the following persons present:

Committee Members Present: Councillor K. Becker, Chair
Cpl. J. Burton, Coquitlam RCMP
S. Mas, Ministry of Attorney General
B. McGill, School District 43
T.L. Seeley
D. Sowden
M. Unrau



Committees Member Absent: Councillor D. Dilworth, City of Port Moody
Gail Alty, School District 43
J. Bechard
M. Reagh

Staff Present: Susan Knecht, Recreation Program Coordinator
Kerri Lore, Committee Clerk

ITEM I – MINUTES – OCTOBER 13, 1999

The Committee approved the Sexually Exploited Youth Committee Meeting Minutes of October 13, 1999.

ITEM II – BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

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ITEM III – NEW BUSINESS

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~~509~~-1 October 26, 1999 Forum for Provincial Task Forces

Committee members gave some feedback on the Forum for Provincial Task Forces held October 26, 1999. All members who attended the Forum agreed that it went very well.

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~~509~~-2 Year 2000 Initiatives

Committee Members agreed, being that the problem of sexual exploitation of youth is an ongoing phenomenon, that the Committee should, in turn, be an ongoing entity, rather than a Task Force with a set end date. It was also agreed that the Committee needed to have a focus – to establish some goals, which it could prioritize, and attempt to achieve within a given time frame. The Committee resolved to designate the next meeting to be a “brainstorming session” – in which to identify issues and formulate goals. Some of the themes that the Committee would like to consider include a safe house in Coquitlam, the formation of a sub-committee comprised of youth, and proactive measures to deter undesirables from future Coquitlam Skytrain stations.

ITEM IV – OTHER BUSINESS

S. Mas reported that the Province would be Proclaiming March 6-March 12 as “Stop the Sexual Exploitation Awareness Week”, and that she would be sending packages to various Municipalities, including Coquitlam, asking them to do the same. It was agreed that this Proclamation should appear on the Agenda for the February 21, 2000 Council Meeting.

It was decided by the Committee that a written request would be made for Members to appear as a delegation before Council on February 21 to give a short presentation to elucidate the issues behind the Proclamation.

D. Sowden reported that a Forum - “Keeping Our Children and Youth Safe”- is being held on March 6. The site of the Forum is still to be determined.


J. Burton reported that he had a taped interview of a girl who had been hooked on heroin and that she had given her permission for him to show the tape to the Committee. It was agreed by the Committee that they would view this tape at a future meeting.

ITEM V - NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed that the next two meetings would be scheduled for March 1 and April 5, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

ITEM VI - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

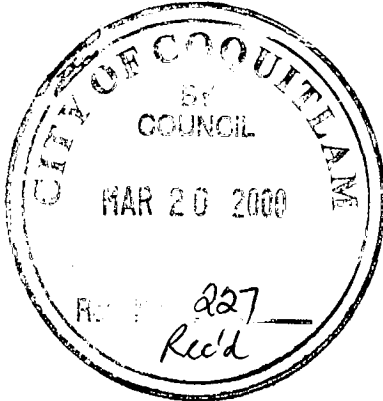


Kerri Lore
Committee Clerk

CHAIR

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**SEXUALLY EXPLOITED YOUTH
COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 1, 2000**

A Regular Meeting of the Sexually Exploited Youth Committee of Council convened on Wednesday, March 1, 2000 at 7:00 pm in Council Boardroom 480, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam B.C. with the following persons present:

Committee Members Present: Councillor K. Becker, Chair
Cpl. J. Burton, Coquitlam RCMP
B. McGill, School District 43
D. Sowden
M. Unrau
J. Bechard
M. Reagh
T.L. Seeley

Committee Members Absent: S. Mas, Ministry of Attorney General
Councillor D. Dilworth, City of Port Moody
Gail Alty, School District 43
~~T.L. Seeley~~

Staff Present: Susan Knecht, Recreation Program Coordinator
Kerri Lore, Committee Clerk

ITEM I – MINUTES – FEBRUARY 9, 2000

The Committee approved the Sexually Exploited Youth Committee Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2000.

ITEM II – BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

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ITEM III – NEW BUSINESS

521-1 Committee Goals / Priority List

- i) The Committee engaged in a brainstorming session and came up with a broad range of possible Committee goals. These goals were assigned to one of three categories: Enforcement, Prevention, or Intervention.

ENFORCEMENT

- Research Alberta's Bill-1, which allows for 72 hour Apprehension
- Lobby Federal Government to raise the legal age of consent to 16
- Empower the police through Stricter City Bylaws re. undesirable on City property. (As per Bylaw passed recently by City of New Westminster)
- Target Recruiters
- Educate Police Officers
- Street Team Approach/First Response-no matter who you call the info gets to the Street Team and they are the first to get to the problem

PREVENTION

- Lobby new Minister of Education, to get education programs through CAPP
- Present resolutions to UBCM, FCM, etc
- Target public Awareness towards children and youth.
- Comprehensive Public Awareness Campaign.
- Youth Health Centre and/or Resource or referral centre staffed by professionals.
- Youth to offer opinions and suggestions.
- Youth in Care Network
- Identify children and youth at risk
- Prevention workshops for Service providers.
- Better communication
- Community Mobilization Project
- Create a network of services and a Brochure with contact numbers.

INTERVENTION

- Concrete support for families
- Crisis intervention
- Ensure continuing support for youth who leave the sex trade.
- Contact the Assistant Deputy Ministers Committee re. developing a policy and process for a Provincial Safe House System
- Tracking – through programs such as FACES, DISC, etc.
- Build a Safe House

- ii) The Committee decided that each member should choose one top” priority goal from the broad list of goals (different than what others had chosen), resulting in the following list:

“TOP 9” LIST
(not in order of priority)

- Treatment, and more support for Families
- Street Team
- Build a Safe House
- Target Recruiters
- Identify children and youth at risk
- Create a network of services
- Lobby the Education Minister to get education programs through CAPP
- Youth Involvement
- Target youth – through information and education

- iii) The Committee then voted on which of the nine goals they thought should constitute the Committee’s list of Priority Action Items. It was agreed that there would be a ***commitment to youth involvement in the pursuit of all goals.***

Following is the final, agreed upon list, *in order of priority.*

PRIORITY ACTION ITEMS

1. Public education and awareness
2. Street Team and Resource Network
3. Build a Safe House
4. Support for Families
5. Stronger measures to target recruiters

ITEM IV – OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee agreed that at the next Meeting of the Sexually Exploited Youth Committee, timelines would be assigned to the items on the Priority List.

The Committee agreed that they should:

- i. research available grants and their deadlines for application, in order to request funding for the pursuit of the Committee's Goals, and;
- ii. determine the deadlines for Resolutions to be presented to the UBCM and FCM.

It was reported that the next BC Task Force Meeting will be held April 11, 2000 in Abbotsford, and will include a presentation by Ross McGinnis on Street Teams.

ITEM V – NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed that the next Meetings would be scheduled for April 5, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.

ITEM VI - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

CHAIR

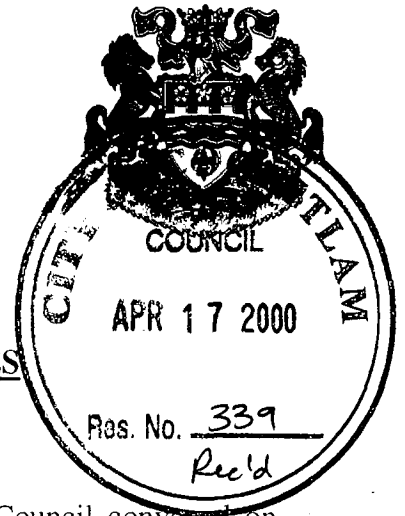
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SEXUALLY EXPLOITED YOUTH
COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 5, 2000



A Regular Meeting of the Sexually Exploited Youth Committee of Council convened on Wednesday, April 5, 2000 at 7:00 pm in Council Boardroom 480, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam B.C. with the following persons present:

Committee Members Present: Councillor K. Becker, Chair
B. McGill, School District 43
S. Mas, Ministry of Attorney General
D. Sowden
M. Unrau
M. Reagh

Committee Members Absent: Councillor D. Dilworth, City of Port Moody
Gail Alty, School District 43
Cpl. J. Burton, Coquitlam RCMP
J. Bechard
T.L. Seeley

Staff Present: Susan Knecht, Recreation Program Coordinator
Kerri Lore, Committee Clerk

ITEM I – MINUTES – MARCH 1, 2000

The Sexually Exploited Youth Committee Minutes of March 1, 2000 were amended to reflect that T.L. Seeley *was* present at the Meeting.

The Committee approved the Sexually Exploited Youth Committee Meeting Minutes, as amended, of March 1, 2000.

ITEM II – BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil.

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ITEM III – NEW BUSINESS

521-1 Assign Timelines to Priority Action Items

The Committee reviewed the list of “Priority Action Items” formulated at the March 1st Meeting, and began assigning timelines:

1. PUBLIC EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

The Committee agreed that Public education and awareness regarding the sexual exploitation of children and youth should be ongoing, and set the following goals:

- **Pamphlet**
City Wide Distribution of pamphlets with information and a list of local resources, to be ready for 2001 Awareness Week (March 2001).
Draft: October 16, 2000
Completed: January 2001
Distribution: February 15, 2001

- **Media**
Have a different topic each month in the local paper(s) between May and February (~5 articles), and try to have two appearances on Rogers Cable.

- **Presentations/Workshops**
Host a number of presentations/workshops for different target groups throughout the next year:
 - Security Guards – Coquitlam Centre
 - City Parks and Rec. Staff – invite other Municipalities' Parks and Rec. Staff also
 - Victim Services – Tri Cities
 - Police – Tri Cities
 - Federation of Foster Parents (Coquitlam Local)
 - Parents – i.e. through DPAC
 - Youth
 - Different Ethnic Groups using a translator (i.e. Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese, Spanish, Hindi, etc.)

- **Forum**
Hold a forum during *Stop the Sexual Exploitation of Youth and Children Awareness Week, 2001*.

The Committee deferred discussion of setting timelines for the remaining Priority Action Items to the next Regular Meeting of the Committee

521-2 Discussion of Funding/Grant Opportunities

The Committee deferred discussion of possible opportunities for funding via grant applications to the next Regular Meeting of the Committee.

521-3 Resolution Deadlines

The Committee discussed Resolution deadlines and format for the UBCM and FCM.

Committee members were asked to think about ideas for Resolutions, and to bring their ideas to the next Regular Meeting.

K. Lore agreed to draft an example Resolution for the next Committee Meeting.

521-4 Legislation

The Committee reviewed current and pending legislation concerning the sexual exploitation of children and youth: Alberta's Bill 1, *Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act*; Ontario's Bill 18, *An Act to Protect Children Involved in Prostitution* (sits at First Reading), and; British Columbia's Bill M208, *Prevention of Child Sexual Exploitation Act* (sits at First Reading).

The Committee agreed that B.C.'s Bill M208 was too narrow in focus. It was suggested that the Committee press the Province to amend and then move ahead with this Bill.

K. Lore agreed to look into the procedure for requesting amendment and movement of a Tabled Bill, and to bring this information to the next Meeting.

ITEM IV – OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

ITEM V – NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed that the next Meeting would be scheduled for May 10, 2000.

ITEM VI - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

CHAIR

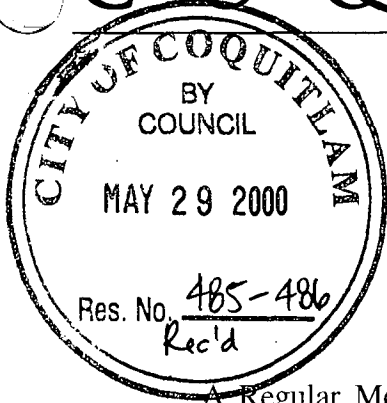
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**SEXUALLY EXPLOITED YOUTH
COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 24, 2000**

A Regular Meeting of the Sexually Exploited Youth Committee of Council convened on Wednesday, May 24, 2000 at 7:00 pm in Council Boardroom 480, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam B.C. with the following persons present:

Committee Members Present: Councillor K. Becker, Chair
B. McGill, School District 43
Gail Alty, School District 43
Cpl. J. Burton, Coquitlam RCMP
T.L. Seeley
D. Sowden
M. Unrau
Susan Knecht, Recreation Program Coordinator

Committee Members Absent: Councillor D. Dilworth, City of Port Moody
S. Mas, Ministry of Attorney General
M. Reagh

Staff Present: Kerri Lore, Committee Clerk

ITEM I – MINUTES –MARCH 1, 2000

The Committee approved the Sexually Exploited Youth Committee Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2000.

ITEM II – BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil.

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ITEM III – NEW BUSINESS

521-1 Video – Cheryl's Story

J. Burton presented a video to the Committee, produced by the Coquitlam RCMP, entitled "Cheryl's Story". The 20 minute video was of an interview with a young girl, addicted to heroin, from the Tri-Cities. The effectiveness of the video lay in the fact that Cheryl, the young girl, does not fit with most people's perceptions of what a "typical" heroin addict should be, or look like. She comes from a good home, has an innocent, girl next door look to her, and is well articulated. In the video she stated that she spent a *minimum* of \$30 - \$40 dollars a day on the drug, usually more (up to \$150), and often stole to acquire this money. Throughout the video she emphasized what a horrible and addictive drug heroin is, and that "it's not how you want to live your life". At the time the video was produced, Cheryl had been clean for two months. Six weeks after the video she was back using heroin.

J. Burton noted that the main reason Cheryl and other addicts have such a hard time staying clean is that there is no support network for them once they have come off of the drug. Their friends are usually addicts, they have reputations that stay with them even if they are clean, they often can't get jobs, and they are continually harassed by dealers. He suggested that in such cases the best, although not usually the most practical, or doable, approach to staying clean would be to move away and "start over" – make new friends and have a clean slate.

521-2 Assign Goals and Timelines to Priority Action Item #2

The Committee discussed the concept of a Street Team and Resource Network. J. Burton described a Street Team as being a resource group made up of anywhere between 3 and 12 Members, that could be used to:

1. Help those in need – provide a contact, follow up, and support for kids in crisis, and their families, and;
2. Act as a presentation team – disseminate information to children and families on sexual exploitation and drug abuse.

The Committee agreed that the Street Team should include the Police, School Board, Simon Fraser Health Unit, and Social Services. In this sense the Street Team would be using existing resources, but would be pulling them all together to deal with an issue in the same manner.

J. Burton also advised that the Street Team could act as a "First Response Unit" that would respond to "at risk kids" at the time that a complaint/tip is phoned in. This would require a common, widely advertised telephone number into which such calls could be channelled. The person answering the calls could then assess the situation and determine the best route to take (i.e. who to contact next).

The Committee discussed the logistics of such an operation. It was agreed that what is needed is: 1) a central phone number; 2) participating agencies, and; 3) an expanded resource network. Some suggestions that arose were the use of a 24 hour messaging or call forwarding centre, or the use of a 24 hour cell phone. The Committee also discussed the idea of using the RCMP's Victim Services, which has Volunteers on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This would then deal with the issues of a central phone line and an expanded network of resources (volunteers). J. Burton agreed to approach the Victim Services Coordinator regarding the feasibility of this suggestion.

521-3 Resolutions for UBCM

Copies of a resolution going forward from the LMMA to the UBCM entitled "Protection of Youth Involved in Prostitution" were distributed to Committee Members, a copy of which is attached hereto and forms a part of these Minutes.

COUNCIL ACTION

*Res. 486
App'd*

The Committee recommends that Council:

i) Support the following Resolution, put forward by the LLMA to the UBCM for presentation and consideration at the 2000 Annual Convention:

WHEREAS the safety, security and well-being of children and families is a paramount concern of communities in British Columbia; and

WHEREAS children engaged in prostitution are victims of sexual abuse and require protection; and

WHEREAS local government recognizes the responsibility of families, communities, and the government of British Columbia to provide that protection; and

WHEREAS local government is committed to assisting families and communities in providing that protection; and

WHEREAS local government is committed to ensuring the safety of all children; and

WHEREAS local government is committed to assisting children in ending their involvement with prostitution;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM lobby the Attorney General of British Columbia for legislation similar to that enacted in Alberta to:

1. Expand the definition of child sexual abuse to include involvement in prostitution;
2. Allow for the apprehension of a person who is less than 18 years old for confinement in a safe house for up to 72 hours where the child is in the need of protection by virtue of engaging in prostitution or attempting to engage in prostitution;
3. Allow for orders restraining persons from contacting a child or associating with a child where that individual has encouraged the child to engage in prostitution or has physically or emotionally injured or sexually abused the child;
4. Harmonize child welfare legislation relating to the apprehension and protection of children engaged in prostitution throughout all Provinces and Territories in Canada; and
5. Urge the Ministry of Child and Family Services to establish programmes necessary to assist children in ending their involvement in prostitution and to identify and provide sufficient safe houses.

ii) Suggest that the following amendments be made to the Resolution:

1. **Expand the parameters of the Resolution to include the *abuse of drugs and alcohol*, as often children who abuse drugs and alcohol turn to prostitution to support their habits; and**
2. **Add “detox centre” to 2) so that it reads: “Allow for the apprehension of a person who is less than 18 years old for the confinement in a safe house/*detox centre*.”**

ITEM IV – OTHER BUSINESS

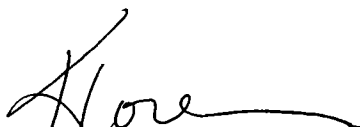
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ITEM V - NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed that the next Meeting would be scheduled for June 14, 2000.

ITEM VI - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

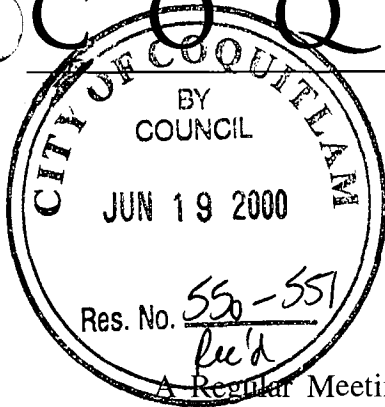

Kern Lore
Committee Clerk

CHAIR

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**SEXUALLY EXPLOITED YOUTH
COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 14, 2000**

A Regular Meeting of the Sexually Exploited Youth Committee of Council convened on Wednesday, June 14, 2000 at 7:10 pm in Council Boardroom 480, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam B.C. with the following persons present:

Committee Members Present: Councillor K. Becker, Chair
Gail Alty, School District 43
Cpl. J. Burton, Coquitlam RCMP
T.L. Seeley
M. Unrau

Committee Members Absent: Councillor D. Dilworth, City of Port Moody
B. McGill, School District 43
Susan Knecht, Recreation Program Coordinator
S. Mas, Ministry of Attorney General
D. Sowden
M. Reagh

Staff Present: Kerri Lore, Committee Clerk

ITEM I – MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee approved the Sexually Exploited Youth Committee Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2000.

ITEM II – BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

The Committee was advised that Surrey Council had voted against including their suggested amendments to the Resolution entitled “Protection of Youth Involved in Prostitution”, and that they could either submit a separate Resolution to the UBCM, or the Resolution could be amended on the floor at the UBCM Annual Convention. The Committee agreed to submit a separate Resolution.

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ITEM III – NEW BUSINESS

521-1 Priority Action Item #2 - Street Team and Resource Network

J. Burton reported that Carrie Wilcott, Victim Services Coordinator for the Coquitlam RCMP, was able to provide 4 or 5 Volunteers to answer calls in relation to youth being, or at risk of being, sexually exploited and/or involved with drugs. These Volunteers would be trained to assess these calls, take immediate action if needed, or refer the caller to the most appropriate resource. The Switchboard and Radio Room Operators at the RCMP would be directed to forward calls of this nature to these Victim Services workers.

The Committee discussed the need for a full time civilian Youth Worker to work out of the Youth Detail section of the Coquitlam RCMP. This person would work with, and provide continual and ongoing support to children at risk. It was agreed that this would be something the Committee would actively pursue at a later date.

521-2 72 Hour Secure Care

The Committee discussed the need for the Provincial Government to move ahead immediately with its commitment to 72-hour secure care legislation, similar to that enacted in Alberta (Bill C-1), which would allow for the apprehension and treatment of children and youth addicted to drugs and/or being sexually exploited and in need of protection, for a 72 Hour period.

**COUNCIL
ACTION**

The Committee recommends that Council forward the letter in support of 72-hour secure care legislation, to the Provincial Government, and to other municipalities and agencies in the Province for endorsement.

Res. 551
App'd

521-3 Priority Action Item #3 – Safe House

The Committee deferred discussion of this item to a future Meeting.

ITEM IV – OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee agreed that at the next Regular Meeting of the Committee, the items for discussion would be:

1. The need to take stronger measures against businesses in Coquitlam that profit from the sexual exploitation of youth, and;
2. Priority Action Item #4 – Support for Families.

ITEM V- TABLED ITEMS

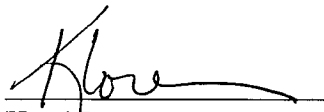
- T-1 Letter to the UBCM in support of the Resolution “Protection of Youth Involved in Prostitution.”
- T-2 Crisis and Sexual Assault Centres – Help Lines
- T-3 Vancouver Police Department Vice Unit – F.A.C.E.S., D.I.S.C.
- T-4 World Congress Against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children – “Rescue and Reintegration”
- T-5 *Report of the City of Burnaby Task Force on the Sexual Exploitation and Prostitution of Children and Youth, 1998*
- T-6 *Federal/Provincial/Territorial Working Group on Prostitution, 1998 – Parts I & II*
- T-7 “Cheryl’s Story: an addicts tale,” Tri City News, Wednesday, May 24, 2000
- T-8 “Portrait of a Crusader,” Tri City News, Sunday, May 28, 2000

ITEM VI - NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting will be scheduled at the call of the Chair.

ITEM VII - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.


Kerri/Lore
Committee Clerk

CHAIR

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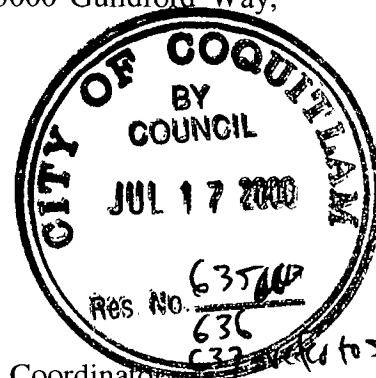
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SEXUALLY EXPLOITED YOUTH COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 5, 2000

A Regular Meeting of the Sexually Exploited Youth Committee of Council convened on Wednesday, July 5, 2000 at 7:15 p.m. in Room 480, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, B.C. with the following persons present.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Councillor K. Becker, Chair
- G. Alty, School District 43
- B. McGill, School District 43
- M. Reagh
- D. Sowden
- M. Unrau



STAFF:

- S. Knecht, Recreation Program Coordinator
- S. Durham, Deputy City Clerk

ITEM I - MINUTES OF JUNE 14, 2000

The minutes of the June 14, 2000 meeting were approved.

ITEM II - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

No business arising.

ITEM III - NEW BUSINESS

Item 521-1 Discuss and Assign Timeline/Goals to *Priority Action Item #4 - Support for Families*

The Committee discussed the need for a counsellor to assist with the Family Support Group for Parents with Children in the Sex Trade as well as a Certified Family Support Worker assigned to the RCMP to work with families and School District 43 to help set up a plan of care and educate other youth in the household. The funding required for both positions would be approximately \$10,000.

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The Committee recommends:

**COUNCIL
ACTION**

That during the 2001 Budget deliberations, Council consider providing funds in the amount of \$10,000 for a counsellor and a Certified Family Support Worker to assist families with children in the sex trade.

Discussion also ensued relative to the pros and cons of holding fund-raising events to collect money to hire such an individual.

The Committee discussed presenting a video entitled "Voices of the Children" to the Lions Club and the Kinettes in seek of support and additional funding.

Item 522-2 Taking action against Businesses that profit from the sexual exploitation of children and youth

The Committee discussed establishing a mission statement that would indicate that the Committee is not in support of businesses that sell merchandise promoting the sexual exploitation of children and youth.

Gail Alty indicated she would promote this with the student leadership worker in School District 43.

The Committee recommends:

**COUNCIL
ACTION**

That Council reaffirm the Committee's position opposing the promotion of merchandise that glamorizes and promotes the sexual exploitation of our youth.

ITEM IV – OTHER BUSINESS

No items presented.

ITEM V - TABLED ITEMS

- T-1 Letter to the Premier re. 72-Hour Secure Care Legislation
- T-2 Article from the June 16, 2000 edition of the *Vancouver Sun*, "When Heroin Hits Home."
- T-3 Article from the June 21, 2000 edition of the *Now*, "Province expected to announce legislation to hold kids for 72-hours."
- T-4 Article from the June 25, 2000 edition of the *Tri-City News* "Spend the money to save 1 kid."
- T-5 Article from the June 25, 2000 edition of the *Tri-City News*, "Arbitrary detention of at-risk youths seen as necessary tool."

ITEM VI - NEXT MEETING DATE

September 13, 2000

ITEM VII - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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CHAIR


Sonia Durham
Deputy City Clerk

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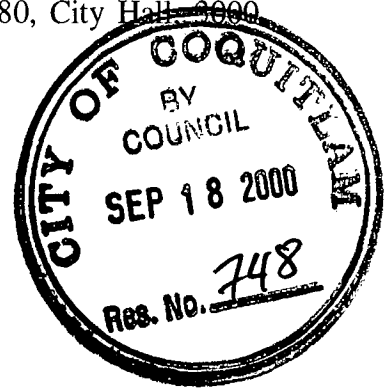


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**SEXUALLY EXPLOITED YOUTH
COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 13, 2000**

A Regular Meeting of the Sexually Exploited Youth Committee of Council convened on Wednesday, September 13, 2000 at 7:00 pm in Council Boardroom 480, City Hall, 2000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam B.C. with the following persons present:

Committee Members Present: Councillor K. Becker, Chair
B. McGill, School District 43
Gail Alty, School District 43
S. Mas, Ministry of Attorney General
D. Sowden
T.L. Seeley
M. Unrau



Committee Members Absent: Susan Knecht, Recreation Program Coordinator
Cpl. J. Burton, Coquitlam RCMP
M. Reagh

Also Present: Dana Halliday, Ministry of Attorney General

Staff Present: Kerri Lore, Committee Clerk

ITEM I – MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee approved the Sexually Exploited Youth Committee Meeting Minutes of July 5, 2000.

ITEM II – BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

B. McGill advised that the School District's Student Leadership Committee would be looking at various issues regarding youth prostitution, recruitment and views on businesses that promote the sexual exploitation of youth.

D. Sowden distributed copies of an outline showing the funding requirements and breakdown for a Counsellor and Family Support Worker as discussed at the previous Meeting, and proposed to Council.

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ITEM III – NEW BUSINESS

521-1 Priority Action Item #5- Stronger Measures to target recruiters

Due to the absence of Cp. J. Burton (RCMP) the Committee deferred discussion of this item to a future meeting date.

In light of structural changes occurring at the RCMP, discussion ensued with regards to the RCMP's future involvement in the Committee and commitment to the Committee's goals and objectives. It was agreed that without the RCMP's presence and commitment, the Committees goals could not be fully realized.

Staff was directed to extend an invitation to Superintendent Ric Hall (or designate) to attend the next Meeting of the Committee, to discuss the RCMP's intentions with regards to youth issues, particularly the issue of sexual exploitation.

ITEM IV – OTHER BUSINESS

Attorney General Appointment to the Committee

S. Mas advised that due to restructuring within the Community Program Division of the Attorney General's Office (based on a new Regional Model) she would no longer be serving on the Committee. Vince Stancato will be the new coordinator for this Region and will therefore be replacing her at the Meetings. In addition, Dana Halliday, Program Assistant, Attorney General's Office will be attending one or two Meetings to gather some information on what the Committee does for a broader Report on Community Task Teams.

Funding

S. Mas advised that the Attorney General's Office would be mailing out Community Grant Applications (up to \$5000) in October to all Community Task Teams.

Forum

There will be a November 2nd Forum at the Justice Institute in New Westminster for all Community Action Teams, hosted by the Burnaby/New Westminster Task Force. The Agenda will include a presentation on Aboriginal Children and sexual exploitation by the Save the Children Society, a seminar on "sustainability" – keeping Committee/Task Force Members interested and committed, and an entire afternoon devoted to discussion on Secure Care Legislation.

Priority Action Items - Summary

It was requested that a summary of the Committee's decisions and goals with regards to the Priority Action Items be included in the next Agenda Package. Staff agreed to put together a condensed report of the Priority Action Items for the next Meeting.

Internet Security

The Committee discussed security issues around the Internet and children as a possible future item for discussion. It was agreed that the Internet as a recruitment tool would be discussed in conjunction with Priority Action Item #5 – stronger measures to target recruiters.

ITEM V- TABLED ITEMS

- T-1 Offences in Relation to Prostitution – *Criminal Code of Canada* (*Section 212)
- T-2 “Pimps, not prostitutes should be targeted.” *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*. October 17, 1997.
- T-3 “A Comparison of Pimps and Batterers.” Evilina Giobbe.
- T-4 “Abolitionism.” *Prostitution in Canada: The Invisible Menace or the Menace of Invisibility?* Sylvia Davis. 1994.

ITEM VI – NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 2000.

ITEM VII - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Kerri Lore
Committee Clerk

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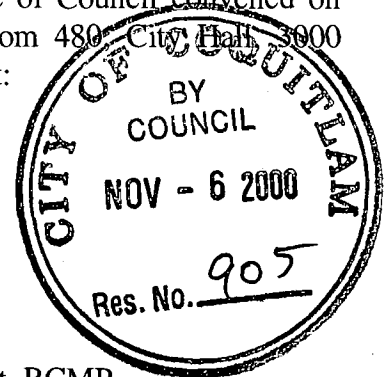


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**SEXUALLY EXPLOITED YOUTH
COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2000**

A Regular Meeting of the Sexually Exploited Youth Committee of Council convened on Wednesday, October 18, 2000 at 7:00 pm in Council Boardroom 480 City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam B.C. with the following persons present:

Committee Members Present: Councillor K. Becker, Chair
B. McGill, School District 43
D. Sowden
M. Unrau
M. Reagh
Cst. S. Ashton, School Liaison Unit, RCMP



Committee Members Absent: G. Alty, School District 43
V. Stancato, Ministry of Attorney General
T.L. Seeley
S. Knecht

Staff Present: C. Wilcott, Community Resource Coordinator, RCMP
K. Lore, Committee Clerk

ITEM I - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee approved the Sexually Exploited Youth Committee Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2000.

ITEM II - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil.

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ITEM III – NEW BUSINESS

521-1 RCMP Future Involvement in the Committee

Cst. S. Ashton, School Liaison Unit, RCMP advised that she would be the RCMP representative sitting on the Committee from here on in.

The Committee received a brief overview of recent structural changes at the RCMP, most notably the new School Liaison Unit which is replacing the Youth Detail Section. The School Liaison Unit, which is part of the Crime Prevention Unit, consists of 6 officers who will each be “attached” to a high school.

Ms. C. Wilcott, Community Resource Coordinator, RCMP, was also present at the Meeting to provide an overview of the role of the RCMP’s Victim Services. She also noted that the information provided at the June 14, 2000 Meeting of the Committee was not entirely accurate. She *had* indicated that she would be interested in learning more about the Committee’s goals, and having some of the volunteers become more specialized in dealing with the issues associated with sexual exploitation, but that it would not be possible to have someone available during the evening hours to respond to such calls.

521-2 Review of Work to Date

Committee Members were asked to review the work to date as outlined in the attachment entitled “Review of Committee Goals and Priority Action Item Decisions” and to bring any additional ideas they may have back to the Committee, or any issues that they feel Council should be more vocal on.

It was noted that the Tri-City Suroptimists (a Tri-City Women’s Group) would like to be involved in helping with the 2001 Forum, one of the goals listed under Priority Action Item #1 – Public Education and Awareness.

521-3 Next Steps

Discussion ensued with regards to the future of the Committee, particularly in relation to a recent Council resolution that called for Council to “request that the Joint Family Court/Youth Justice Committee also include the mandate of the Sexually Exploited Youth Committee.”

Committee Members felt that the focus and work of the Sexually Exploited Youth Committee would be lost if it was to be amalgamated into a larger Committee that dealt with an array of issues.

Councillor Becker advised that he would discuss the Committee's concerns with the Mayor and the Committee to Establish Committees.

ITEM IV – OTHER BUSINESS

Cpl. J. Burton

The Committee asked that Councillor Becker invite Cpl. Burton to sit on the Committee as a community member now that he would not be involved on behalf of the RCMP. It was further agreed that should he decline a note be sent to him on behalf of the Committee thanking him for his input and commitment to the Committee's goals.

Next Meeting

It was agreed that *Priority Action Item #5 – Stronger Measures to Target Recruiters* would be discussed at the next Meeting. The video "Missing" would also be shown to highlight the problem of Internet recruiting.

Together Against Violence Forum

A "Together Against Violence" Forum will be held November 8th at 7:00 p.m. at Charles Best Secondary School.

ITEM V- TABLED ITEMS

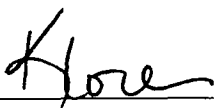
T-1 November 2, 2000 Provincial Forum on Child and Youth Exploitation

ITEM VI – NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8, 2000.

ITEM VII - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



Kerri Lore, Committee Clerk

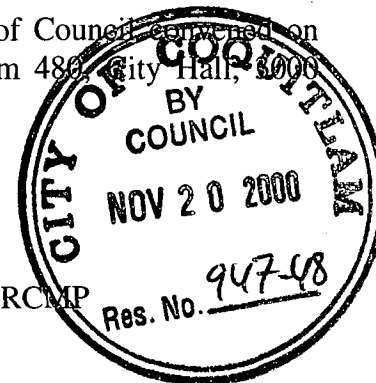
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**SEXUALLY EXPLOITED YOUTH
COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 8, 2000**

A Regular Meeting of the Sexually Exploited Youth Committee of Council ^{was held} on Wednesday, November 8, 2000 at 7:00 pm in Council Boardroom 480, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam B.C. with the following persons present:



Committee Members Present: Councillor K. Becker, Chair
B. McGill, School District 43
Cst. S. Ashton, School Liaison Unit, RCMP
M. Unrau
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Committee Members Absent: G. Alty, School District 43
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S. Knecht
M. Reagh

Staff Present: C. Wilcott, Community Resource Coordinator, RCMP
K. Lore, Committee Clerk

ITEM I – ACTING CHAIR

Councillor Becker had arranged for B. McGill to act as chair until his arrival at 8:45 p.m.

ITEM II – MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee approved the Sexually Exploited Youth Committee Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2000.

ITEM III – BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Committee members were advised that the Committee would continue on a year to year basis as a “Task Force.”

ITEM III – NEW BUSINESS

521-1 Video Presentation: *Missing*

The Committee watched a video entitled *Missing*. The intent of the video is to show how pedophiles use the Internet to find, lure and exploit children. It is relevant also to the sex trade in that recruiters use the same methods to lure children into prostitution.

The Committee agreed that raising awareness about “Internet recruiting” should be included as one of the goals of Priority Action Item #1– *Public Education and Awareness* (i.e. in the brochure and as topic for the 2001 Forum).

It was suggested that a pamphlet outlining the dangers and signs of Internet recruiting be provided to businesses that sell computers (i.e. Future Shop, Radio Shack, The Brick, London Drugs, etc.). These businesses could then provide the pamphlet to parents purchasing computers.

521-2 Priority Action Item #5 – Stronger Measures to Target Recruiters

The Committee discussed goals for Priority Action Item #5 – *Stronger Measures to Target Recruiters*.

It was noted that in the *Criminal Code of Canada* the Internet is not considered to be a “public place” and is thus not recognized as a method of recruiting young people into the sex trade. The Internet is however, a rapidly increasing means of communication in today’s world (i.e. chat rooms).

It was further noted that recruiting is a “summary conviction” (less than six months, no permanent record) rather than an “indictable offense.” (permanent record).

The Committee agreed that they should lobby the Federal Government to:

- include the internet in the definition of “public place” in section 213.1, *Criminal Code of Canada*; and
- recognize recruiting as an Indictable Offense
- raise the age of consent from 14 years (this would assist in the prosecution of adults that buy sex from young people in that the adult could be charged with sexual assault).

COUNCIL ACTION **The Committee recommends that:**

Council forward the letter dated November 8, 2000 regarding stronger measures to target recruiters to the Provincial and Federal Governments.

The Committee further agreed that a resolution regarding stronger measures to target recruiters should be forwarded to the FCM and UBCM to be considered at their 2001 Annual General Meetings. Staff agreed to bring a draft resolution to a future Meeting.

ITEM IV – OTHER BUSINESS

Future Agenda Items

It was agreed that the “Brochure” and “2001 Forum” would be the focus of the January 2001 Meeting of the Committee.

ITEM V - TABLED ITEMS


- T-1 Letter from the Abbotsford Police Department dated October 4, 2000 regarding the ICE Program (Identifying Child Exploitation)
- T-2 Brochure: *It Can Happen to Anyone*, Children of the Street Society
- T-3 Brochure: *The More You know About Sexual Exploitation the Better Chance We Will Have of Solving the Problem*, Children of the Street Society

ITEM VI – NEXT MEETING

The next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17, 2001.

ITEM VII - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



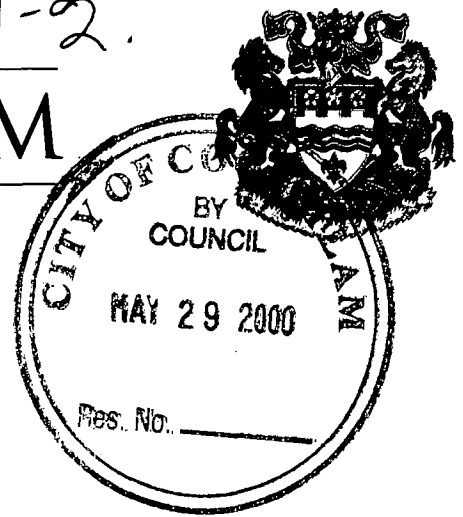
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***PREVENTION OF THE SEXUAL
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WHEREAS the safety, security and well being of children should be a paramount concern to the Province of British Columbia

AND WHEREAS, the sexual exploitation of children is an escalating problem affecting all levels of society;

AND WHEREAS children engaged in prostitution are victims of sexual abuse and require protection;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government engage in a province-wide public education and awareness campaign to highlight the causes of, and dangers associated with, child prostitution.

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WHEREAS the safety, security and well being of children should be a paramount concern to the Province of British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS children engaged in prostitution are victims of sexual abuse and require protection;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Attorney General of B.C. submit a written proposal to the Federal Solicitor General's Office that fully depicts the concerns of citizens with respect to the deleterious effects that the exploitation of children and youth has on society;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Attorney General of B.C. submit in writing to the Solicitor General of Canada a proposal to alter the Criminal Code of Canada in order to create new offences for:

- i. Sexual exploitation of Children and Youth*
- ii. Recruiting of children and youth for the purpose of prostitution*



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***THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Provincial Government Lobby for or implement changes necessary to ensure effective prosecution of those persons who are sexually exploiting children and youth, and to maintain the safety and well-being of sexually exploited children and youth throughout their involvement with the criminal justice system.*