

Family Court Committee

FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE

A G E N D A

Social Welfare Building
640 Poirier Street
Coquitlam, B. C.

April 2nd, 1970

- Item 1 Reading and adoption of minutes.
- Item 2 New business - report on visits to:
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 discussion)
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 Welfare Administrator
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FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE

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Social Recreation Centre
March 25th, 1970

7:30

- Item 1 Reading and the adoption of Minutes.
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- Item 3 Adoption of rules of order and procedures.
- Item 4 Report of probation services in the
Community, by Mr. Hugh Gaphney, Provincial
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FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE AGENDA.

Social Welfare Building
640 Poirier Street,
Coquitlam, B.C.

May 27th., 1970. 7:30 p.m.

ITEM # 1 : Reading and Adoption of Minutes.

ITEM # 2 : Address by Mr. Don Copan - Chairman
Burnaby Family Court Committee.

ITEM # 3 : New Business.

ITEM # 4 : TABLED ITEMS :

Memo from Assistant to Municipal Manager re:
official appointment of Committee.

Memo from Municipal Clerk re: Old Age Pensioners'
complaint on Juvenile Offenders.

Memo to Mr. Kincaid from G.C. Stevens on Regional
Juvenile Detention Home.

Memo from Mr. Pobst to Mr. Reed reporting on a
meeting of the Regional Administrative Advisory
Committee dealing with a Regional Detention Home.

ITEM # 5 : ADJOURNMENT.

Wednesday, March 25th, 1970
Social Welfare Building
Coquitlam, B. C.

The second meeting of the Family Division Committee of the Corporation of the District of Coquitlam, was held in the Social Welfare Centre, at 640 Poirier Street, on Wednesday, March 25th, 1970, at 7:30 P.M., with the following persons in attendance:

Chairman: Alderman J. Gilmore

Mr. G. Nelson Reverend M. Fowler
Mrs. Mary Kendall Mrs. Shirley Nicol
Mrs. Helen Dunlop

Also present were the Municipal Prosecutor, the Welfare Administrator, and Probation Officer H. Gaffney.

F A M I L Y D I V I S I O N C O M M I T T E E

The Chairman opened the meeting with the introduction of three new proposed members of the Committee. Chairman Gilmore introduced Mrs. Kendall, who is a qualified social worker, presently engaged in post-graduate studies in this field. Also the Chairman introduced Mrs. Helen Dunlop, a former legal stenographer, and at present a housewife and resident in the Municipality. Mrs. Shirley Nicol was also introduced, being an active participant in the Parent Teacher Association.

It was then duly moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of March 4th, 1970, be adopted as circulated. (CARRIED)

The Chairman then called for nominations for a Deputy Chairman and it was then moved and seconded that Mr. Nelson be the Deputy Chairman. Nominations ceased. (CARRIED)

Mr. Reed agreed to act as a secretary for the meeting as it had been impossible to obtain proper stenographic help in time.

Discussion ensued as to the necessity for some form of recording secretary and the necessity of obtaining proper allocation of budget. It was then duly moved and seconded "that a request go to the Municipal Council that a sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) be included for operation of this Committee, and the provision of stenographic assistance".

(CARRIED)

Mr. Nelson then raised the question as to whether staff members should actually be members of the Committee, or to serve as advisors. After some discussion, it was duly moved and seconded "that the Municipal Prosecutor, Welfare Administrator, Probation Officer, be considered resource personnel to be called upon as needed".

(CARRIED)

Mr. Nelson then inquired as to specific areas of problems that might be of interest for the Committee to deal with. It was suggested that this subject might be fully covered once complete inventory of facilities and resources was completed. It was requested that the Municipal Solicitor write to the Family Court Committees in New Westminster, Burnaby, and Surrey, to see what problem areas had been dealt with and to seek any background information that might be available. The general consensus of the meeting was that there should be a minimum of personal involvement of individual cases and that the Committee should make recommendations as to particular subject areas.

The Chairman then called upon Mr. Hugh Gaffney, a member of the Provincial Probation Service, for this area, to address the meeting. Mr. Gaffney outlined to the Committee that his position was as an advisor to the Court, and in fact as a supervisor for those placed under his guidance. He indicated that he had an exceptionally heavy case load, although not perhaps heavier than other areas of the Province. He is charged with the responsibility of preparing

Presentence Reports for this jurisdiction. These reports, which are extensive histories and recommendations relating to persons before the Court, consisted of thirty-five reports since the 1st of January this year. Mr. Gaffney also reported that he had thirty-four juveniles on probation to him, from the court, along with eleven voluntary probations. A further three persons being female juveniles are also part of his jurisdiction in relation to juveniles. In addition to this case load, he has twenty-three men over eighteen years of age from the court, under probation, along with one voluntary person as well. As a result of release from prison, he has three men directly on parole and is carrying out planning for another five.

Apart from these primary work areas, Mr. Gaffney also reported that he has two Wives and Childrens Maintainance Actions to supervise. It was felt that this might be an area in which this Committee might become more directly involved. Mr. Reed indicated that at this time, either he or the Assistant Municipal Solicitor had to interview each applicant for maintainance cases. The suggestion was made that the Committee might like to look into establishing some type of interview offices to see if some of these matters could not be settled without court appearance.

Mr. Gaffney continued that from January 1st, 1970, apart from the other cases mentioned, he had seen forty juveniles, eleven of whom had been eventually transferred to adult court. He also reported that in 1969, out of eighty-nine juveniles charged, sixty-six went on probation for varying periods.

Mr. Gaffney then discussed some of the resources available, these being the Marpole Hostel, which holds eight to nine boys, which is an intensive unit for evaluation and assistance. Another institution discussed was the House of Concord, which is an institution operated by the Salvation Army, which has room for twenty-four boys, which will rise to forty-six. Entrance to this unity is upon court order, or probation, and boys entering it must comply with the regulations of this institution to remain in it. There is also an establishment at Porter Cove, which basically involves an outdoor programme course, in the months of July and August. This course is also similar to Outward Bound course, which basically provides for leadership training in a controlled setting.

Mr. Gaffney then spent some time discussing the Vancouver Juvenile Detention Home, and the Regional need for a centre for remand or detention purposes. Mr. Gaffney reported that it costs approximately Five Thousand Dollars per year to keep a young person in an institution, whereas the cost for a person placed on probation amounted to Three Hundred and Four Dollars a year. He also indicated the ratio of persons appearing before the court as juveniles, and his position is that seventy-five percent are returned to their homes, whereas twenty-five percent are placed in an institution such as Brannon Lake. He reported that a probation officer's salary ranges from Five Hundred and Eighty Dollars in training, to a maximum of Ten Thousand per annum. Mr. Gaffney felt that his workload will be increasing strictly in the relationship of Maintainance actions and that it is in this area that the Committee can be most helpful. It was pointed out, in addition, that the provisions of the "Family Courts Act" allow for auxiliary probation officers, and that this might also be an area in which the committee could make useful recommendations.

The last item was the establishment of a Regional Remand-Detention Home and was also a matter of importance for the Committee.

Mr. Reed reported that Council was actively pursuing this matter on a regional basis, but that the Committee would undoubtedly get involved in canvassing this subject, particularly with reference to other more established committees.

Mr. Gaffney was then thanked by the Chairman for his informative survey. It was then decided that the Welfare Administrator should be invited to the next meeting of the Committee to provide the background relative to his Department, and this Committee's operations.

The next meeting of the Family Court Committee will be held at the Social Welfare Building, at 640 Poirier Street, at 7:30, April 22nd, 1970.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

CHAIRMAN

Wednesday, March 4th, 1970
630 Poirier Street
Coquitlam, B. C.

The first meeting of the Family Division Committee of the Corporation of the District of Coquitlam was held in the Social Recreation Centre, at 630 Poirier Street, Coquitlam, on Wednesday, March 4th, 1970, at 7:50 P. M., with the following persons in attendance:

Mayor J. L. Ballard	Mr. E. Stevenson
Alderman J. Gilmore	Mr. G. Nelson
Reverend M. Fowler	

Also present were the Municipal Prosecutor and the Welfare Administrator.

F A M I L Y D I V I S I O N C O M M I T T E E

Mayor Ballard opened the meeting with the introduction of the proposed members of the Committee, and outlined generally, his views as to the necessity for the establishment of this Committee.

Alderman J. W. Gilmore was then appointed to act as Chairman of this Committee, for the current year.

Discussion then ensued as to the appointment of other officers, and it was decided that this should remain in abeyance until other interested parties were contacted to see if they would be willing to participate in the Committee's deliberations.

Alderman Gilmore then took the Chair.

A brief discussion ensued as to the necessity of a recording secretary and it was felt that a request should go to the Municipality to provide such help. Mayor Ballard indicated that he would see that proper stenographic help was provided.

The Municipal Solicitor was then requested to address the meeting as to the remaining items on the agenda. The following report was submitted:

1. A brief discussions of the terms of reference of this Committee was outlined and copies of the "Provincial Courts Act" and the "Community Care Facilities Act" were provided for those present. The attention of the Committee was drawn in particular, to Part III of the Act, which specifies the powers and duties of the Committee. It was left to the Committee to peruse this Act, and to submit any questions which might occur, for the consideration of the next meeting.

Discussion relating to the "Community Care Facilities Act" which deals primarily with the establishment of community facilities, was briefly discussed, and this matter should be raised specifically when the Welfare Administrator outlines the welfare services as they relate to the Committee's duties at some future meeting.

Mr. Reed then outlined the present court and probation services existing at this time. The Family Court in the Municipality of Coquitlam meets every Monday morning, as does the Juvenile Court. In relation to the number of family cases dealt with in the first ten months of 1969,

eighty cases were processed. In relation to the Juvenile Court, one hundred and fifty cases for the first ten months of 1969, were processed. A brief outline of the type of cases coming before both of these Courts was also outlined.

Basically, the Family Court hears matters which concern "Deserted Wives and Childrens Act" applications. This Act is used to provide the necessary maintainance, if the wife has been deserted, or is destitute.

The system of dealing with juveniles was also outlined, particularly the new method of review by probation officers before trial or court action. It was also reported that there was available, as part of the Provincial Probation Service, one probation officer for this Municipality.

The physical facilities existing both within the Community and outside, were then outlined. The present Municipal buildings have no method of holding juveniles. The court area is totally inadequate, although the Municipality at the present time, is planning to develop a new court area, by obtaining portable units for this purpose. Juveniles, are when necessary, remanded to the Vancouver Juvenile Detention Home, until disposed of in the Courts. When the Vancouver Juvenile Detention Home is full, then this Municipality makes arrangements with interested individuals within the Municipality for retention services. On the average, two juveniles a month are held either in the Vancouver Juvenile Detention Home, or in some type of home within the Municipality. When the Vancouver Juvenile Detention Home is utilized, the cost to the Municipality is significantly less than retaining juveniles on an individual basis within the Community.

It was also indicated that the Municipal Council's representatives to the Regional Board would be proceeding to make the Municipality's views known in relation to the establishment of a Regional Remand and/or Detention Home.

It was suggested that the Committee might like to attend one of the other more established committees in the Lower Mainland and the Solicitor was asked in this regard, to make the necessary arrangements.

A brief discussion was held in relation to other persons involved in the general administration of the Family Courts, and it was recommended that the Probation Officer be invited to the next meeting to outline the duties of the Probation Service, and his views generally to the situation within this community.

Similarly it was recommended that the Welfare Administrator also attend to present the inventory of resources and facilities available from the Welfare Department.

It was also suggested that at some future meeting, the Provincial Court Judge and the N. C. O. in charge of the R. C. M. P. Detachment be invited to discuss their views in relation to the subjects which might come before the Committee.

It was suggested that the Committee might find it interesting and beneficial to visit various types of institutions within the Province, concerned with the retention of juveniles. It was suggested that upon appropriate notice, that the solicitor would attempt to contact the necessary authorities at Brannon Lake, the Haney Correctional Institution, and the Vancouver Juvenile Detention Home, in order that the Committee might have tours of these institutions and listen to any remarks made by the parties involved.

It was also noted that a report of this Committee must be made at least on an annual basis, to the Attorney General and from time to time, to Council, in those matters where improvements may be sought.

2. Discussion of Time for Meetings

After some discussion, it was decided to have monthly meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month, until such time as the preliminary reports have been completed, after which the time for meetings will be determined at each meeting. It was decided that the next meeting therefor, will be held at 7:30 on March 25th, 1970, at the Social Recreation Centre.

The following items were tables for consideration of the Committee:

1. A copy of the "Provincial Courts Act".
2. A copy of the "Community Care Facilities Act".
3. General specifications dealing with remand and detention homes.

The solicitor agreed to furnish such other information as may from time to time be issued, to the Committee.

3. Discussion

Mr. Stevenson gave a brief outline of some of the problems involved in this type of Committee work, as he is presently serving on other similar committees. He felt that the Court Committee in New Westminster would welcome this Committee to one of its meetings and in addition, would be most pleased to exchange views in relation to the establishment and location of a new Remand Home. He also furnished copies of a brief on the Lower Mainland Family Court Committees, which was submitted for information.

Mr. Nelson indicated that there is a high degree of interest on the part of the School Board, in this type of Committee, and that many of the "A. D. Hoc" Committees established by the School Board, could be called upon by this Committee to deal with the particular problems involving the Community.

A message was received from Dr. Olsen, that he could not be in attendance at this meeting, due to the pressure of work.

It was left to the solicitor, to attempt to arrange a suitable date for the members of the Committee, to attend local court, with the view of hearing family and juvenile cases, and at the same time, observing the physical facilities available.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15.

CHAIRMAN

Wednesday, April 22nd., 1970
Social Welfare Building
Coquitlam, B.C.

The third meeting of the Family Division Committee of the Corporation of the District of Coquitlam was held in the Social Welfare Centre at 640 Poirier Street, Coquitlam, B.C. on Wednesday, April 22nd., 1970 at 7.30 p.m., with the following persons in attendance:

Chairman : Alderman J. Gilmore
Mr. G. Nelson
Mrs. Mary Kendall
Mrs. Helene Dunlop
Reverend M. Fowler
Mrs. Shirley Nicol.

Also present were the Municipal Solicitor, the Welfare Administrator and the Assistant Municipal Clerk.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and the Municipal Solicitor reminded all members of the Committee that a luncheon meeting between the Coquitlam Committee and the New Westminster Committee had been arranged to be hosted by New Westminster at the City Hall. All members indicated their intention to attend.

MINUTES

A member of the Committee questioned the reference to the increased accommodation being provided at the House of Concord as she had understood that a sixty bed addition was being made to this unit.

It was then duly moved and seconded that the Minutes of the March 25th., 1970 meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

COURT FACILITIES

The Chairman then called for comments from the Members of the Committee of their impressions of the visit to the local court facilities and a session of the family court.

Most members stated that they felt the facilities were shabby and overcrowded and most inadequate, whereas the personnel appeared to be exceptional.

The Municipal Solicitor advised the Committee that previously the Welfare Workers had prepared and carried through with their own cases before the Court, however, upon his arrival he had offered his assistance as the workers were having some difficulties operating under the old procedure.

Mr. Nelson stated that it was his opinion that there appeared to be a great deal of waste motion by people appearing in court and having to re-appear as a result of a case being laid over to another date.

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The possibility of employing a full time Court Social Worker was mentioned by members of the Committee. This person to be responsible for interviewing persons appearing before Family Court to work out conditions of reconciliation or financial arrangements on amicable bases.

Mr. Kincaid stated that employing such a person could cause some problems as this person would still have to call Social Workers as witnesses at court proceedings - thus tying up two persons instead of one.

The Committee also discussed the problems of adoption and wardship taking into consideration religious affiliations and ethnic background of children. Mr. Reed and Mr. Kincaid explained to the Committee the difference between wardship and adoption and some of the problems which arise.

Mr. Kincaid explained to the Committee how foster homes are obtained and the basis used by his Department to ensure the suitability of such homes.

Mr. Reed explained to the Committee how the Municipality proposes to alleviate the crowded conditions of the Court Facilities by erecting a temporary building adjacent to the present facilities.

REMAND CENTRE

Alderman Gilmore explained the proposed establishment of the Remand Centre on Riverview Hospital property and the public meeting which he is organizing on behalf of Council, protesting the establishment of this facility in this location adjacent to a residential area.

Mr. Reed explained to the Committee what type of persons will be located in the Centre and the strain this will place on local court facilities as all prisoners must appear before a Judge every eight days while in the Remand Centre awaiting trial.

RECEIVING HOME

The Chairman then called on Mr. Kincaid, the Social Welfare Administrator, to comment on the activities of his Department.

Mr. Kincaid stated that instead of going over the day-to-day activities of his Department, he wished to bring to the attention of the Committee the need for a Receiving Home in the District to house children placed in the care of the Welfare Department.

Mr. Kincaid stated that at present they have no facilities in which to place emotionally disturbed children or children received on week-ends or late at night and he wished the support of the Committee to establish such a resource.

Mr. Kincaid explained that such a home could be obtained by interesting a service club to put up 10% of the required financing and then the Provincial Government will make a grant of 33.1/3% to the cost and the balance could be financed by a long-term N.H.A. mortgage and the Provincial Government will assume the mortgage payments.

Mr. Kincaid stated that he envisaged a home able to handle approximately eight children supervised by professional personnel and suitable house parents would be found by his office and the salary for the house parents would be paid by the Provincial Government.

Mr. Kincaid further stated that such a home would be used by the Department to observe and evaluate the individuals' needs so that proper placement of the child can be made at a later date. The age group accommodated by such a home would be from five years old to sixteen years old.

It was mentioned that Richmond has such a home at present and also that Surrey has two such homes.

Mr. Kincaid stated that from such a home children could be placed in such facilities as Browndale, Seven Oaks, House of Concorde, Brannan Lake and homes operated by Central City Mission.

The problem of placing children in school from such a home was also discussed as was the possibility of observing similar homes presently existing.

The Committee inquired of Mr. Kincaid what assistance they could provide in the establishment of such a home and were informed that their official sanction would be appreciated.

It was then duly moved and seconded that the Committee endorse in principle, the idea of a Receiving Home for Coquitlam and communicate to Council this endorsement.

CARRIED

Mr. Reed advised the Committee that a report from Mr. Kincaid on the specific terms of reference for the home and a detailed recommendation should then be prepared for Council.

It was duly moved and seconded that Mr. Kincaid prepare a report on the nature and use of a Receiving Home to include the terms of reference of such a home, the need for such a home, the size of such a home, the method of financing and the type of children it will house.

CARRIED

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE

Alderman Gilmore informed the Committee that Council had officially confirmed the appointment of the members of the Committee on April 21st. 1970.
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Alderman Gilmore recommended that Mr. Don Copan, Chairman of the Family Court Committee of Burnaby be invited to the next meeting to possibly give some guidance to the Coquitlam Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

It was duly moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9.30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

Wednesday, May 27th, 1970,
Social Welfare Building,
Coquitlam, B.C.

The fourth meeting of the Family Division Committee of the Corporation of the District of Coquitlam was held in the Social Welfare Centre at 640 Poirier Street, Coquitlam, B.C. on Wednesday, May 27th, 1970 at 7.30 p.m. with the following persons in attendance.

Chairman: Ald. J. W. Gilmore,
Mrs. Mary Kendall,
Mrs. Helene Dunlop,
Reverend M. Fowler,
Mrs. Shirley Nicol.

Also present were the Municipal Solicitor, Welfare Administrator, Probation Officer, Mr. D. Copan, Chairman of the Burnaby Family Division Committee and the Assistant Municipal Clerk.

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

IT WAS DULY MOVED AND SECONDED:

That Rev. M. Fowler act as Chairman until either the Chairman or Deputy appear.

CARRIED

MINUTES

Mr. Hugh Gaffney, the Probation Officer, noted that at the last meeting discussion had taken place on the hiring of a Court Social Worker and he suggested that possibly this should be a Probation Officer as the Provincial Government would pay half of the salary, whereas, with a Social Worker the Municipality would pay the full cost.

Mr. Reed stated that in Burnaby there are two Social Workers who combine the functions of running the Wives and Children Bureau and also handle the Protection of Children.

IT WAS DULY MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Minutes of the April 22nd, 1970 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

ADDRESS BY MR. COPAN, CHAIRMAN -
FAMILY COURT COMMITTEE OF BURNABY

Mr. Copan introduced himself to the Committee and stated that professionally he is a Principal of two elementary schools in Burnaby and that he has been a member of the Family Division Committee in Burnaby since its inception in 1964.

Mr. Copan then gave background on the formation of the Burnaby Committee and stated that when their Committee was established the members felt that Municipal Staff should not be members of the Committee and also that members of Council should not be members of the Committee. Mr. Copan stated that Municipal Staff had been brought in as resource people to explain the operation of the different departments and that this had worked out well for their Committee.

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Family Division Committee, cont'd.

Mr. Copan stated that his Committee reports annually directly to Council and leaves it to Council to initiate action, however, they do continue to prod and encourage them to complete the recommendations made. Also the Committee does make representation to various clubs and groups on ideas and services which the Committee would like to see instituted in the community. Mr. Copan quoted as an example, the need for foster homes in the District of Burnaby at the time the Committee was established and the manner in which the problem was alleviated. He stated that the Committee made representation to service clubs and action line and as a result the amount of foster homes doubled over a two year period.

Mr. Copan informed the Committee that his Committee, along with other Committees existing, formed a Lower Mainland Court Committee with the purpose of seeking a remand facility, meeting with responsible Provincial authorities and to bring pressure to bear on local Councils for needed programmes and facilities. Mr. Copan stated that one of the high priorities of the Lower Mainland Court Committee was for a Regional Remand facility for a holding and diagnostic centre.

Mr. Copan explained to the Committee the manner in which the Burnaby group had been able to have changes made in the new Justice Building to better service the handling of juveniles and family court. Mr. Copan did not feel that facilities of this nature should be too informal because by the time a juvenile reaches the level of this facility he has exasperated his parents, he has exhausted the facilities available to schools and has been a source of trouble to law enforcement people and informality no longer has any effect on such a person.

Mr. Copan stated that the Council of Burnaby had referred various matters to the Committee for study and report and one example was a poolroom by-law. The Committee spent time visiting various halls and speaking with operators and were successfully in having the Council adopt their recommendations in a new by-law.

With regard to probation personnel, Mr. Copan said that the Committee had assisted in having the number of probation officers increased from one and one-half to four by showing Council the need for the increase, also, the Committee have been successful in having the probation personnel reshuffle their hours for interviewing so that juveniles do not have to leave school for an interview. Probation officers are also using facilities at social recreation centres for interviewing as a result of suggestions made by the Committee.

Mr. Copan explained that Burnaby School District has a youth officer who acts as liaison between the School, Courts and R. C. M. P.

Wednesday, May 27th, 1970,
Family Division Committee, cont'd.

Mr. Copan said that the Burnaby Committee meet once a month except for the months of July and August and it is left up to the Chairman to draw up the agenda also the Committee meets Council in Committee to express their recommendations and, therefore, do not make very many formal briefs.

Ald. Gilmore asked Mr. Copan what he felt was the most important function of a Family Division Committee and he stated that he felt it was to make the various sections of a community aware of the needs of the community both for youths and families.

Mr. Copan responding to a question from a member of the Committee stated that the Burnaby Committee had been asked by Council for a recommendation on the proposal of the establishment of the X-Kalay Group, however, as the group were split down the middle in regard to the proposal they made no recommendation.

Mr. Copan told the Committee that his Committee have very good relations with the R. C. M. P. Youth Detail, the Judge and other resource people and also the group do a fair amount of visitation to institutions to get ideas and feelings of the people running such facilities.

Ald. Gilmore inquired of Mr. Copan if there were any areas for co-operation between the two districts and Mr. Copan felt that the establishment of a diagnostic remand home could be one area.

Ald. Gilmore thanked Mr. Copan for attending the meeting and asked that at some future date, the Coquitlam Committee, if possible, be invited to a meeting of the Burnaby Family Division as interested observers.

RECEIVING HOME

Mr. Reed read his report of May 26, 1970 to the Municipal Council which had been referred to the Family Division Committee for their study and recommendation.

Mr. Kincaid gave a brief resume of the home which was being considered as a Receiving Home and stated that he felt there would be accommodation for eight residents in addition to the house parents and that he was hopeful that it could be a mixed home housing both boys and girls.

Mr. Kincaid said that he had interviewed prospective house-parents who had been referred to him by Mr. Gaffney and was very impressed with the couple as they are both trained probation officers.

Mr. Kincaid stated that he felt no structural alterations to the home should be considered until such time as the home had been in operation for some time so that the houseparents could make informed recommendations.

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Family Division Committee, cont'd.

Mr. Kincaid informed the Committee that he had been in contact with Victoria and had received a favourable hearing on this proposal and they had indicated that they were prepared to negotiate the matter of salary for staff, renovations, maintenance and also the matter of rent.

It was decided by the Committee to view the home on Monday, June 1st at 2.30 p.m. and then meet in the Manager's Office to discuss the proposal in order to have a report ready for Council on June 2nd, 1970.

OLD AGE PENSIONERS ORGANIZATION COMPLAINT

A memo from both Mr. Reed and the R. C. M. P. were tabled with the Committee dealing with youthful offenders and Mr. Reed suggested that possibly the Committee could discuss this with the Parks and Recreation Commission and look at the resources in the Community to help alleviate the problem.

R. C. M. P. YOUTH WORKER

Mr. Hugh Gaffney stated that he has discussed with the R. C. M. P. the possibility of assigning an R. C. M. P. Officer exclusively to youth work, however, due to a shortage of officers at this time, no steps have been taken in this direction.

DROP IN CENTRES

Rev. Fowler stated that the Committee should look into the possibility of having the School Board set a policy on using the schools as drop in centres rather than leaving the use of schools up to the discretion of principals.

VISIT TO BRANNAN LAKE SCHOOL

It was decided by the Committee to make a visit to Brannan Lake School on Monday, June 22, 1970 and it was left with Mr. Kincaid to make the necessary arrangements.

ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS DULY MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 11 p.m.

CHAIRMAN