

FOR COQUITLAM BUS

Subsidy plea fails

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COQUITLAM — Municipal council has turned down a subsidy request from a bus company.

The subsidy, requested by Sabina Transport Ltd., was for \$850 a month for six months and would have enabled the company to continue operating two routes due to be discontinued for economic reasons.

Ald. R. E. Boileau said a similar request by Columbia Stage Lines had been turned down and that council should not make an exception.

But Ald. L. A. Bewley said: "I'd like to hear the reaction from the people one way or another. Let the community decide."

However, other aldermen said the referendum had little chance of passing in the car-dominated municipality and the motion refusing the subsidy was carried three to two.

Backers of the move said later the request could be presented again.

In other business, council approved a \$1,500 grant to the "Christmas" Christmas Hamper Fund, named after the late Coquitlam mayor James Christmas.

The fund, organized by the

Burquitlam Lions Club, has previously presented food hampers to needy families.

But it was suggested that gifts of money equivalent to the value of the hampers be given to enable the recipients to choose what they need most.

Council decided it was too close to Christmas and that any change should be made next year.