COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

DATE: THURSDAY, 2016 NOVEMBER 03
TIME: 6:00 PM
PLACE: Council Committee Room, Burnaby City Hall

100th Anniversary of Gilmore Community School
Documentary Film Screening
5:30 – 6:00 p.m.
(Dinner will be provided in the Council Committee Room from 5:15 to 6:00 p.m.)

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. MINUTES
   a) Minutes of the Community Heritage Commission Open meeting held on 2016 June 02
3. DELEGATIONS
   a) The Heights Neighbourhood Association
      Re: Documentary Film - 100th Anniversary of Gilmore Community School
      Speaker: Margaret Manifold
4. CORRESPONDENCE
   a) Correspondence from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
      Re: Nominations for New Stop of Interest Signs
   b) Correspondence from On This Spot Enterprises
      Re: BC History Tourism App
   c) Correspondence from Jane's Walk
      Re: Jane's Walk in Burnaby
d) Memorandum from the City Clerk
   Re: Citizen Appointments to the Community Heritage Commission - Ms. Diane Gillis

e) Memorandum from the City Archivist
   Re: City of Burnaby Archives - Update (August)

f) Memorandum from the City Archivist
   Re: City of Burnaby Archives - Update (October)

g) Memorandum from the Museum Services Supervisor
   Re: Burnaby Village Museum Updates (September)

5. REPORTS

   a) Report from the City Clerk and the City Archivist
      Re: Project Proposal - Celebrating Diversity

   b) Report from the Director Planning & Building
      Re: Burnaby Remembers Program - 2016

   c) Report from the Director Planning & Building
      Re: Frederick & Alice Hart Estate "Avalon" - Heritage Site Interpretive Plaque, 6664 Deer Lake Avenue

   d) Report from the Director Planning & Building
      Re: Remembering Working People: Plaques Around The Province Project

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. INQUIRIES

8. ADJOURNMENT
COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

MINUTES

An Open meeting of the Community Heritage Commission was held in the Council Committee Room, Burnaby City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Thursday, 2016 June 02 at 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councillor Colleen Jordan, Chair
         Councillor James Wang, Member
         Ms. Maurya Biswell, Citizen Representative
         Mr. Philip Finlayson, Citizen Representative
         Ms. Ruby Johnson, Honorary Member Emeritus
         Ms. Les Lee Lowe, Burnaby Historical Society Representative
         Mr. Harry Pride, Historian

GUESTS: Ms. Diane Gillis
         Ms. Jessica Blesch

ABSENT: Councillor Nick Volkow, Vice Chair
         Mr. Lee Loftus, Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission Representative
         Ms. Coni O’Neill, Citizen Representative

STAFF: Mr. Jim Wolf, Senior Long Range Planner
        Ms. Helen Lee, Long Range Planner
        Ms. Rebecca Pasch, City Archivist
        Ms. Blanka Zeinabova, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the Open meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

2. MINUTES

a) Minutes of the Community Heritage Commission
   Open meeting held on 2016 April 07

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOWE
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINLAYSON

THAT the minutes of the Open meeting of the Community Heritage Commission held on 2016 April 07 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER PRIDE  
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BISWELL

THAT the correspondence be received.  

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Jordan acknowledged a thank you card from Ms. Margaret Bell, former Community Heritage Commission member.

a) **Correspondence from Heritage BC**  
Re: Heritage BC Annual Report 2015

Correspondence was received from Ms. Helen Cain, Board Chair of Heritage BC together with their 2015 Annual Report.

The 2015 Annual Report noted that Heritage BC delivered $75,000 in grants from the Heritage Legacy Fund through which they supported 12 capital projects to conserve historic places and other cultural heritage resources, and five heritage awareness projects.

Heritage BC membership increased to 264, and members were engaged more through social media.

Working with several Provincial Ministries, Heritage BC launched the “Get on the Map” series. Developed through public input, the first map is World War Monuments and Memorials in BC, and the Chinese Historic Places Recognition Project with 77 nominated sites.

Commissioner Finlayson conveyed thanks to the Commission for being able to represent the City at the Heritage BC Annual Conference on Granville Island. The speaker provided highlights of the conference, i.e. the presentation by Norman Hotson on his involvement in the redevelopment of Granville Island, Nancy Mackin’s presentation on her study of traditional building methods, ‘Cultural Planning 101’ with Patricia Huntsman, and ‘Communications Basics’ put on by the Province of BC Heritage Branch.

b) **Correspondence from the Art Tree Project**  
Re: Canada 150 Art Tree Project

Correspondence was received Ms. Marlene Schaly, Creative Director of the Art Tree Project seeking to engage all of Canada in community art shows to celebrate Canada 150. The art show would be composed of Art Trees created by any group who wishes to commemorate their members and heritage.
Arising from discussion, the following motion was introduced:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANG
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOWE

THAT this item of correspondence be REFERRED to staff.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Memorandum from the Deputy City Clerk
Re: Rezoning Reference #14-44 - High Rise Strata Apartment, High Rise Rental Apartment and Low Rise Church

A memorandum was received from the Deputy City Clerk advising that Council at its Open meeting held on 2016 April 25, received and adopted the above noted rezoning report for multi-family residential/church development at Sussex Avenue/Hazel Street/Grange Street.

d) Memorandum from the City Archivist
Re: City of Burnaby Archives - Update

A memorandum was received from Ms. Rebecca Pasch, City Archivist, providing an update on work at the City Archives. Ms. Pasch noted the following:

- IT staff have been successful in working together with Archives staff to develop a more efficient, automated process for the transfer of City records. This newly implemented system will cut processing time in half for all future City record transfers to the Archives.
- A new auxiliary staff has been engaged to complete the work of making the 1970s Council records accessible through Heritage Burnaby. At the completion of this project, 84% of current Council records holdings will be fully digitized.
- Staff participated in the meeting initiated by Social Planning to discuss related recommendations from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Final Report.
- Staff began work on the municipal records backlog.

Councillor Jordan noted that an article regarding Oral History Project appeared in the Burnaby Now Newspaper on April 21.
4. **REPORTS**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER FINLAYSON  
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PRIDE  

THAT the reports be received.  

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  

a) **Report from the Director Planning & Building**  
   Re: Waterways of Burnaby: Discovering the Heritage & Nature of Burnaby's Still Creek Conservation Area  

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report seeking funding approval to design and print a walking tour brochure for the Still Creek Conservation Area for the City’s World Rivers Day on 2016 September 25.  

The Director Planning and Building recommended:  

1. THAT Council be requested to approve an expenditure of up to $2,000.00 for the production of a new walking tour guide for the Still Creek Conservation Area, as outlined in this report.  

2. THAT Council refer this report to the Environment Committee for their information.  

Staff provided a Power Point presentation on the walking tour guide for the Still Creek Conservation area, noting a history of the area together with legends, and outlining some of the points of interests, i.e. Gilmore Station, Slough Estate, Crow Rookery, Costco Public Trails, Burnaby Lake Tramline, Chinese Market Garden at Douglas Road, Sunken Engine Creek, Logging Still Creek, Spartan Oil Wells, Pole Line Road (Sperling Avenue).  

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER FINLAYSON  
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PRIDE  

THAT the recommendations of the Director Planning and Building be adopted.  

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  

b) **Report from the Director Planning and Building**  
   Re: Frederick and Alice Hart Estate "Avalon" - Heritage Site Interpretive Plaque  

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report seeking authorization of the design and installation of a replacement interpretive plaque for the Frederick and Alice Hart Estate “Avalon”.  

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The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT Council be requested to approve the design and installation of an interpretive plaque for the Frederick and Alice Hart Estate “Avalon”, as outlined in this report.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER BISWELL
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the recommendation of the Director Planning and Building be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. NEW BUSINESS

Jim Wolf, Senior Long Range Planner – Remembering Working People Project

Mr. Wolf submitted a memorandum in response to the correspondence from the BC Labour Heritage Centre regarding Remembering Working People: Plaques Around the Province Project. The purpose of the project is to identify and catalogue existing memorials to working people in British Columbia and install a series of bronze plaques to recognize people, places or events through a nomination process.

Staff have reviewed the project and identified a number of possible nominations for consideration by the Commission:

1. Barnet Lumber Company Mill Workers Strike, 1931 (event)
3. Ernest Edward Winch (1879 – 1957) (individual)
4. Jubilee Labour Hall, Maple Avenue, 1935 (place)
5. Japanese Workmen Railway Disaster at Kilby Creek, 1909 (event)

Arising from discussion, the Commission introduced the following motion:

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOWE
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FINLAYSON

THAT staff prepare a report nominating #1 - Barnet Lumber Company Mill Workers Strike and #5 - Japanese Workmen Railway Disaster at Kilby Creek for the project.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
Commissioner Les Lee Lowe – Heritage Fair

Commissioner Lowe advised that Rivers to Sea Regional Heritage Fair this year was very successful, and encouraged Commission members to attend the Fair next year and assist with judging.

Rebecca Pasch, City Archivist – Oral History

Ms. Pasch referred to an inquiry made at the last Commission meeting regarding the possibility to include pictures with the Oral History Project, and noted that at this time the website does not have the ability to do so.

Councillor Jordan – Mr. Sayers’ Collection

Councillor Jordan inquired regarding an update on Mr. Sayers’ collection of women’s historic clothing in the Townley Estate.

Staff advised that there is no new development at this time.

Commissioner Harry Pride – School History Book Project

Mr. Pride provided an update on the School History Book Project, and noted that the excess articles and photos will be donated to the Burnaby Public Library.

Councillor Jordan – Happy Birthday

Councillor Jordan wished Commissioner Pride happy 91st birthday.

Helen Lee, Long Range Planner – Swinging Girl

Ms. Lee advised that Swinging Girl refurbishment has been completed. It was noted that the lights were replaced and the sign was repainted on site, with no disruption to surrounding businesses.

Councillor Jordan inquired regarding Lost in the 50’s neon sign and its site’s development proposal.

Staff undertook to investigate.

6. INQUIRIES

There were no inquiries brought before the Commission at this time.
Community Heritage Commission
Minutes

Thursday, 2016 June 02

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LOWE
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PRIDE

THAT this Open Commission meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Commission meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Blanka Zeinabova
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Colleen Jordan
CHAIR
Hello,

On behalf of the Heights Neighbourhood Association, I would like to appear as a delegation at the Community Heritage Commission meeting in November 2016. The purpose of the delegation is to introduce the Commission to a 30 minute documentary film the Neighbourhood Association commissioned to celebrate Gilmore Community School’s 100th anniversary in 2015. The film “stars” many local residents and showcases the school and community’s history through the decades.

We will not show the whole documentary but rather 5 minutes of highlights. We received a $500 grant from the City of Burnaby to help produce the film. We will use a DVD to show the film.

Could you please let me know if this is possible and what you would need from me?

Thanks,
Margie Manifold
604 294 7407 (work – Planning Department, CoB)
September 26, 2016

Dear Union of B.C. Municipalities and Local Governments:

Re: Nominations for New Stop of Interest Signs

Following my announcement at the 2016 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention this morning, I am pleased to invite you and your representatives to participate in the Province of British Columbia’s Stop of Interest sign engagement and nomination process, taking place this fall and winter.

The Province is proud to announce the addition of up to 75 new Stop of Interest signs throughout British Columbia, bringing further awareness and recognition to our collective history and provincial heritage. This process augments our work to rejuvenate approximately 100 of the 139 existing Stop of Interest signs province-wide.

In order to ensure a well-rounded and comprehensive complement of new signs, we are asking local governments, First Nations, tourism associations, stakeholders and the public to nominate people, places or events of provincial significance they would like to see commemorated. Please share this invitation with businesses in your community and anyone else who would be interested.

The nomination period will be open from September 26, 2016, to January 31, 2017, after which we will evaluate the submissions on criteria such as the impact that the person, place or event has had on the lives of British Columbians.

For more information on Stops of Interest and associated signs currently in place across the province, or to access the nomination form to suggest a new sign, please visit our engagement website at http://engage.gov.bc.ca/stopsofinterest/

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sandra Toth Nacey, the ministry’s Director of Business Management Services. She can be reached in Victoria at 250 356-9768 or at Sandra.TothNacey@gov.bc.ca and would be pleased to assist you.
I encourage you to take this opportunity to highlight more of your local history and connect your community and its visitors to British Columbia’s captivating past.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Todd G. Stone
Minister

Copy to: Sandra Toth Nacey, Director
Business Management Services Branch
Zeinabova, Blanka

From: Clerks
Sent: September 07, 2016 12:38 PM
To: Pasch, Rebecca; Zeinabova, Blanka; Back, Dennis
Subject: FW: B.C. history tourism app coming to Burnaby?

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

The email below, received in Clerks Office, is being forwarded to Archives, Community Heritage Commission, and City Clerk for information.

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From: Andrew Farris [mailto:info=onthisspot.ca@mail128.suw14.mcdlv.net] On Behalf Of Andrew Farris
Sent: September-06-16 3:41 PM
To: Clerks
Subject: B.C. history tourism app coming to Burnaby?

Hello

I'm Andrew, a Vancouver-based app-developer. My team and I have just launched On This Spot, an interactive historical walking tour app. It allows people to peer into the past by viewing and creating then and now photos while learning about local history. You can download it for free for both Android and Apple devices at www.onthisspot.ca.

We've just debuted in Vancouver, and the response so far has been outstandingly positive. There was a story about the app in last week's Vancouver Sun, while the Georgia Straight
gave a great explanation of how the app works. We want to expand to cities across British Columbia and I'm contacting you to see if you'd be interested in seeing us bring coverage to your Burnaby constituency. We want to make historical and interactive walking tours available to everyone who visits Burnaby.

The app is an outgrowth of the popular On This Spot blog which features then and now photos of cities around the world. You can see the photos here!

We think you'll be excited about this app because it can provide a variety of benefits to your constituents.

- **Historical walking tours can be a marketable draw for tourists.**
- **The app promotes foot traffic in historic business districts,** and can highlight local businesses and their history.
The striking then and now photos and the interactive camera are proven effective for getting young people engaged with local history.

Our approach to history focuses on depth, academic rigour and engaging writing, making the app a powerful educational tool.

It provides a cutting-edge means for making the historical resources held by heritage organizations across the province easily accessible to the public.

The great depth of content is enough to keep even local history buffs interested, and highlighting these little known stories can serve to promote a stronger sense of community.

This app's capabilities and its depth of coverage go well beyond any history app yet developed anywhere. We are in the midst of an educational revolution. Apps like this hold practically limitless potential to change the way people learn about and experience history. We want British Columbia to be at the forefront of this revolution and with your help, we think we can be an integral part of that. With Canada's upcoming 150th birthday celebrations and the new B.C. school curriculum with its focus on knowledge and deep understanding, the time for this technology is now.

To expand to your constituency we need the rights to use historic photo resources held by local heritage organizations and we need sponsorship funding. Can you assist us on either of these counts?

I encourage you to check out our site, download the app, and see what you think! If you'd like to work together bringing this new technology to Burnaby, please get in touch.

Thanks for your time and I look forward to your response.

Andrew

Andrew Farris
Founder and CEO
On This Spot Enterprises

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4.b)
Hello Burnaby Community Heritage Commission,

I am reaching out to champion your city’s participation in Jane’s Walk, a global movement of free, community-led walking tours inspired by Jane Jacobs. We’ve learned about your work and wonder if you or anyone you know might be interested in organizing Jane’s Walks in Burnaby. We are currently seeking city organizers for our 2017 global festival.

Every year on the first weekend of May, cities around the world participate in the Jane’s Walk festival of free walking tours that get people to tell stories about their communities, explore their cities, and connect with neighbours. The festival is a global celebration of cities, community-building, civic action, and storytelling. In 2016, 226 cities across 6 continents participated. The next festival will take place on May 5, 6, and 7, 2017.

That's where you come in!

In each city, Jane’s Walk has a “city organizer”. The City Organizer coordinates the walks, promotes the festival, and acts as the "face" of Jane's Walk locally. A festival can consist of anywhere from one walk to one hundred. The project office supports City Organizers with resources, toolkits, guidance, and connections to people in our global network of city-builders. Here's some more information about what being a CO involves.

Would you have a moment to chat with us about bringing Jane’s Walk to Burnaby in 2017? We think you would be a great fit.

If you don’t think this is right for you, feel free to let us know who else we should speak to in Burnaby.

Happy walking!
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Amilia Cervantes
Program Assistant, Jane's Walk
amilia.cervantes@janeswalk.org

Walkable neighbourhoods, urban literacy, cities planned for and by people.
www.janeswalk.org
@janeswalk
Organizer Summary

So you want to get Jane's Walks started in your city? Awesome! Please read through this page: it explains what you need to know in order to decide whether you want to sign up. If all of this sounds good, you can register (http://www.janeswalk.org/register) and send us an email (mailto:info@janeswalk.net) to set you up as a City Organizer.

First, check whether there is already a City Organizer in your city. Click here (/information/cities/).

- If there is: great! Please get in touch with your CO and offer to help. You can post also simply post a walk listing independently, but your CO can help with publicity etc. Click here for information on how to lead a walk (/information/lead-walk/).

- If there isn’t a City Organizer listed for your city, that means we’re still looking for someone to lead the charge! All walk leaders organize and lead their walks independently; the CO acts as the city’s coordinator and spokesperson.

Here’s a rundown of what the job involves:

1. All City Organizers have these core responsibilities:

   - To read the Jane’s Walk Principles (click here) (http://www.janeswalk.org/information/resources/principles/), agree to uphold them, and review any walks planned for their city to make sure these adhere to the Principles.

   - To be the primary contact for all Walk Leaders in the city.

   - To help promote all walks, particularly during the festival, through local and social media.

2. The City Organizer’s role is also to sustain the project locally and help it grow, so we encourage them to:

   - Collect feedback from walk leaders and participants;

   - Make plans to ensure that walks continue in the future -- for example, build a list of people who might take over if the current CO is unable to organize
again next year;

- Manage a blog on their city's Jane's Walk page;
- Collaborate with other local events and reach out to other walking tour organizations to get them involved;

3. Seek out new walk leaders -- especially those whose voices aren't always heard. Great storytellers will help you build the project.

What's happening in your city? Are there intriguing civic and community projects in the works? Are there newcomer groups whose experiences and challenges you’d like to know more about? Have you heard about individuals doing interesting and valuable work? Reach out and bring them into the conversation!

**How much work will this be?**

That depends on the size of your project.

Jane's Walk works at five different scales -- Murmur, Buzz, Dialogue, Chorus, and Movement. We’ve compiled guides with detailed directions and advice for leading the global festival (as a starting point) at each of these scales. Beyond this, you can expand to year round walking tours and encourage people to organize them for various local events and campaigns.

Click here to read the guides (/information/programs/murmur-movement/) -- they'll give you a sense of what kind of work will be involved.

Generally a team of people will work together on organizing the project, with one person as the “face” or main contact person. Some people pull together teams of volunteer organizers; others organize walks as part of their work with community development associations, city planning offices, university planning departments, etc.

**First festival?**

If this is the first time Jane's Walks have happened in your city, you’ll probably want to host a small (Murmur or Buzz-sized (/information/programs/murmur-movement/)) festival during the global festival weekend -- if it goes well, you can scale up in the years to come.

Once your city is added to the Jane's Walk website, anyone will be able to post a walk. If you live in a large city, it's possible that a lot of people will post walks, particularly during the festival, and your project will grow quickly. If things are beyond what you can manage, we'll provide support from the Project Office in Toronto.

**OK, that’s the scoop!**
If you would like to sign on as a CO, or if you’d like to be part of an organizing team for your city, click here (/information/cities/).

Any questions? E-mail us! (mailto:info@janewalk.org)

Citizen-led walking tours towards community-based city building.

Contact
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Create A Walk
Add Your City
Get Involved
Get Updates

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

DATE: 2016 JUNE 28

FROM: CITY CLERK

FILE: 02410-20

SUBJECT: CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS TO THE ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION, COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION AND SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
ITEM 4(A), REPORTS, COUNCIL MEETING 2016 JUNE 27

Burnaby City Council, at the Open Council meeting held on 2016 June 27, received the above noted report and adopted the following recommendation contained therein:

1. THAT Council appoint Ms. Diane Gillis as a citizen representative on the Community Heritage Commission for a two (2) year term.

Dennis Back
City Clerk

DB:nv

Copied to: Deputy City Manager
Director Planning & Building
TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: MAYOR DEREK R. CORRIGAN

SUBJECT: CITIZEN APPOINTMENTS TO THE ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION, COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION AND SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

PURPOSE: To appoint citizen representatives to the Advisory Planning Commission, Community Heritage Commission and Social Planning Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council appoint Ms. Stace Dayment as a citizen representative on the Advisory Planning Commission for a three (3) year term.

2. THAT Council appoint Ms. Diane Gillis as a citizen representative on the Community Heritage Commission for a two (2) year term.

3. THAT Council appoint Ms. Lubna Abdelrahman as a citizen representative on the Social Planning Committee for a three (3) year term.

REPORT

ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

A citizen representative on the Advisory Planning Commission, Ms. Stella Tsiknis, has tendered her resignation from the Commission due to her recent move out of Burnaby. I am recommending Council appoint Ms. Stace Dayment to replace Ms. Tsiknis as a citizen representative on the Advisory Planning Commission for a three (3) year term.

COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

A citizen representative on the Community Heritage Commission, Ms. Margaret Bell, has tendered her resignation from the Commission due to her recent move out of Burnaby. I am recommending Council appoint Ms. Diane Gillis to replace Ms. Bell as a citizen representative on the Community Heritage Commission for a two (2) year term.
SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

A citizen representative on the Social Planning Committee, Ms. Maita Santiago, has been absent more than three consecutive meetings. I am recommending Council appoint Ms. Lubna Abdelrahman to replace Ms. Santiago as a citizen representative on the Social Planning Committee for a three (3) year term.

Respectfully submitted,

Derek R. Corrigan
MAYOR

Copied to:  City Manager
            Deputy City Manager
            Director Planning & Building
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION
FROM: REBECCA PASCH CITY ARCHIVIST

DATE: 09 August 2016
FILE: 2410-20
Reference: Community Heritage Commission

SUBJECT: CITY OF BURNABY ARCHIVES – UPDATE

For the information of the Chair and Members of the Community Heritage Commission, I wish to provide below a brief update on work at the City Archives since our last meeting.

- The work of making the 1970s Council records more immediately accessible through Heritage Burnaby, funded through the Stabilization funding that was approved for Archives this year, is well-underway. At the time of writing, this project is 53% complete.

- Arising from the meeting initiated by Social Planning to discuss related recommendations from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Final Report, a further Oral History Project has been suggested related to Indigenous community members as well as members of other ethno-cultural groups. If the Commission supports the continuation of the Oral History Program as suggested, The City Clerk’s department will present a Stabilization Funding proposal to the 2017 Budget process.

- In an effort to begin to systematically tackle the records backlog held on our processing shelves, the HR recruitment process was undertaken for a TFT Archival Assistant position, with a start date of 17 August and completion date of 31 December 2016.

- Research requests have been more complex in nature this year, although our overall number is down from previous years. This could be the result of upgrades made to the Heritage Burnaby website that have made it more user-friendly. Because both City staff and the public are better able to access records on their own, only the more difficult questions make it through to Archives staff.
The City of Burnaby Archives has put forward the Community Heritage Commission’s ‘Burnaby Mountain Oral History Project’ for consideration for the ‘Governor General’s History Award for Excellence in Community Programming.’ This prestigious award highlights achievements for community projects that tell stories about Canada’s past in unique and innovative ways. At the time of writing, the shortlist has not been announced (with final recipients contacted sometime in the fall).

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Pasch
City Archivist
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

DATE: 20 October 2016

FROM: REBECCA PASCH CITY ARCHIVIST

FILE: 2410-20

Reference: Community Heritage Commission

SUBJECT: CITY OF BURNABY ARCHIVES – UPDATE

For the information of the Chair and Members of the Community Heritage Commission, I wish to provide below a brief update on work at the City Archives since our last meeting.

- In September the Archives participated in the Burnaby City Hall and RCMP Open House. It was a great success with 38 visitors to the Archives booth, and much positive feedback on the newly upgraded Heritage Burnaby website.

- Do to the extra capacity coming from temporary positions within the Archives, over 1000 City-generated photographs were processed from appraisal, accession, through to description and rehousing since our last meeting. All descriptions have been written to RAD (Rules of Archival Description) standard and include the same sophisticated name, subject and geographic indexing utilized for all other photographs, landmarks and artefact descriptions currently online at heritageburnaby.ca. The Archives has also been able to complete the 1970s Council record project earlier than anticipated. All open Council records from 01 January 1970 through 31 December 2014 are now immediately accessible online through Heritage Burnaby (heritageburnaby.ca).

- The Community Heritage Commission’s ‘Burnaby Mountain Oral History Project’ was shortlisted for the ‘Governor General’s History Award for Excellence in Community Programming.’ Being shortlisted for this award is quite an accomplishment and something that the CHC can be proud of.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Pasch
City Archivist
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION  DATE: 2016 September 07
FROM: DEBORAH TUYTTENS

SUBJECT: BURNABY VILLAGE MUSEUM UPDATES

SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

- The temporary exhibit “Technology before the Smartphone” was popular with visitors, along with a related scavenger hunt activity this summer. A number of hands-on demonstrations of technology were integrated into existing exhibits and programs, including coffee grinding demonstrations at the General Store, laundry at the Log Cabin, a hands-on weigh scale at the General Store, and stereoscope demonstrations at Elworth.
- Twice a week in July and August the BVM hosted First Nations education programs for the general public. This included working with the Tsleil-Waututh Nation to provide Aboriginal Medicinal Plant Tours of the site, and BVM hosted Squamish Nation educators who conducted interactive weaving demos for visitors.
- A large collection of uniforms, badges, and documents related to the history of Girl Guides in Burnaby was donated to the Museum and is being catalogued.
- Curatorial staff continued to improve physical condition and documentation of large objects stored in an off-site warehouse. This summer improvements were made to documentation and storage of several large objects from Oakalla prison, including cell walls and doors. The paint on the Eagle Ford neon sign was consolidated by conservation staff.

FALL PROJECTS

- The BVM annual Burnaby Neighbourhood History speaker series runs from September through November. This program, offered in partnership with Burnaby Public Library and Burnaby Historical Society, features free talks and walking tours. Highlights include A Tsleil-Waututh History of Burrard Inlet by Carleen Thomas, Chinese-Canadian Farmers of Big Bend by Larry Grant and Sarah Ling, a history of progressive politicians and politics in Burnaby by Allen Seager and Lisa Codd, the film screening Digital Stories by Burnaby Women, a tour of Burnaby’s Tian-Jin Taoist Temple, and a walk around Deer Lake with Mark Angelo during salmon spawning season.
• Major renovations are underway to the Orientation Plaza to better welcome the larger volume of visitors enjoying the site and improve wheelchair access. Summer visitors have enjoyed the new space, and improvements will continue into the fall.
• A project is underway to create workstations for volunteers who help to research and document the collection. The workstations will provide access to a custom software product that will make it easy for staff to review and transfer research data created by volunteers into the collections database. This improvement will significantly increase the capacity of the museum to host volunteers interested in working with the collection.
• A researcher specializing in First Nations history has joined the staff at the Museum, and will be developing research materials that can be used by school program staff. The research will help the Museum meet the growing demand of school program groups for content that meets the objectives of the new social studies curriculum in BC.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Tuyttens
Museum Services Supervisor
TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

FROM: CITY CLERK
CITY ARCHIVIST

FILE: 2410-20

SUBJECT: PROJECT PROPOSAL - CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

PURPOSE: To propose a new project to celebrate 125 years of diversity in Burnaby.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT this report be received for information; and

2. THAT the Community Heritage Commission consider this proposal as an extension of the initiative outlined in the 2016 June 22 Planning Report ‘Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada – Overview of Calls to Action.’

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

In September 2010, the Community Heritage Commission recommended that Gaming Funds in the amount of $75,000 be approved and allocated for the implementation of the Burnaby Oral History Digitization Program. This funding was subsequently approved and was intended to support the following work.

Phase I - Conversion from analog to digital format of approximately 100 hours of oral history recordings that were completed in the 1970s and 1980s. This work also included the time required to create detailed descriptions and indexes of the interviews by archives staff prior to being uploaded to the Burnaby Heritage website. This project was awarded the 2012 Heritage BC Award of Honour for Heritage Conservation.

Phase II - A limited number of new interviews featuring current Burnaby residents to gauge the public interest and response to a new oral history project. This was undertaken in 2012 and 28 interviews were completed. This work has been described and indexed, and is available on the City’s heritage website.

Phase III - Consists of a collection of interrelated interviews with 23 people with the purpose to explore the history of Burnaby Mountain. A wide range of topics are covered such as recreation.
and other uses made of the mountain, the history of setting aside and managing parkland on the mountain, the mountain as home, and values assigned to the natural features of the mountain. This project was shortlisted for the 2016 Governor General’s History Award for Excellence in Community Programming.

The three projects described above spent the allotted budget.

2.0 NEW PROJECT - CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF DIVERSITY IN BURNABY

Politicians, activists, and business leaders may show up regularly in official documents and the media - the rest of us very seldom do. Even when we do have extensive written sources about someone (e.g. newspaper articles, speeches, and government documents) personal and private experiences and stories are often neglected or go untold.

Through oral history, researchers and interviewees come together in conversation about a commonly shared interest —we learn about the hopes, feelings, aspirations, disappointments, family histories, and personal experiences of the people interviewed.

But Oral History isn’t the only documentary medium.

2.1 Definition and Focus

A strategic priority of the Burnaby Social Sustainability Strategy is to celebrate diversity and culture. The proposed project options would provide an avenue for exploring the role that diversity and culture play in supporting a cohesive, creative and engaged community. Through the recording of stories that share historical perspectives and experiences with the broader community the project would support a discrimination and barrier free community. As 2017 marks Burnaby’s 125th and Canada’s 150th birthdays, either project could recognize, highlight, reflect and celebrate 125 years of diversity in our City.

Further to the Social Sustainability Strategy, the Planning report “Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada – Overview of Calls to Action” (Appendix A.) includes the suggestion of:

- A further Burnaby Oral Histories project, through the Community Heritage Commission, related to the Indigenous community members as well as members of other ethno-cultural groups.

Option 1:

Identify a focus and hire someone to undertake the work. The project could follow the same structure as previous Oral History projects undertaken by the CHC.
The project cost would be based on the number of oral histories recorded.

Option 2:

- Put a call out to the community to participate in ‘Celebrating 125 Years of Diversity in Burnaby’ however it resonates with them, and as it relates to capturing history.
- The stories would be not only told directly by participants, the completed work would also be created by participants.
- Media type could be expanded to include not only audio (oral histories), but also moving images (video).

In 2007, the Burnaby Intercultural Planning Table in partnership with the Burnaby Public Library and the City’s Shadbolt Centre for the arts, invited storytellers from the Burnaby Storytelling Project to train 22 immigrant storytellers. The stories now form the basis of Digital Storytelling Burnaby. Option 2, would build on this collection by expanding this initiative to multi-media formats. A call out process would eliminate prescribed histories and would allow residents to tell and share information and experiences they believe are important in their choice of medium.

A sum of $25,000 is being suggested, to provide to participants as a stipend.

We further suggest that a range is set from $100-$5,000 to be awarded per project.

The projects would be made available online through Heritage Burnaby. Participants would be trained in copyright law prior to embarking on their projects. We therefore request a further $5,000 to fund the work of a TFT Archival Assistant (or consultant) who would create archival descriptions for the projects and train the participants on copyright.

This would require a total budget request of $30,000.

We have reached out to Burnaby Public Library and they are considering partnering with us on this project.

Dennis Back
CITY CLERK

Rebecca Pasch
CITY ARCHIVIST

Copied to: Deputy City Manager
Director of Finance
SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS

SUBJECT: TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION OF CANADA – OVERVIEW OF CALLS TO ACTION

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.

REPORT

The Social Planning Committee, at its meeting held on 2016 September 14, received and adopted the attached report providing information related to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s Calls to Action, specifically those which pertain to local governments.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor N. Volkow
Chair

Councillor A. Kang
Vice Chair

Councillor J. Wang
Member

Copy: City Manager
Deputy City Manager
Director Planning and Building
Director Engineering
Director Human Resources
Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
Chief Librarian
City Solicitor
City Clerk
Burnaby Village Museum, Curator
City Archivist
TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

DATE: 2016 June 22

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING
FILE: 215501

SUBJECT: TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION OF CANADA – OVERVIEW OF CALLS TO ACTION

PURPOSE: To provide the Committee with information related to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action, specifically those which pertain to local governments.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

At its meeting of 2016 February 3, the Social Planning Committee under 'New Business' requested staff to prepare information related to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s Calls to Action, specifically those which pertain to local governments. This report responds to that request.

2.0 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN BURNABY

Burnaby is within the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations including the Musqueam, Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh, Katzie, Kwantlen, Qayqayt, Semiahmoo, and Tsawwassen Nations. According to the 2011 Statistics Canada National Household Survey, approximately 3,805 individuals living in Burnaby self-identified as being Aboriginal. This accounts for approximately 1.7% of the total city population. Just under half of this number self-identify as being Métis. Indigenous peoples in Burnaby are on average younger than the general population, with most individuals being between 5 and 40 years of age. Based on enrollment information from the Burnaby School District, the Burnaby neighbourhoods with the highest percentage of Indigenous families are the Heights, Edmonds, Richmond Park, Cameron and Stride.
3.0 TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION OF CANADA

3.1 Origins

The mandate for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) is outlined in Schedule N of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement. The implementation of this approximately $1.9 billion dollar agreement began on 2007 September 19 and represents the agreement reached between legal counsel for former students, legal counsel for the involved Churches¹, the Assembly of First Nations, other Aboriginal organizations, and the Government of Canada.

Beginning in the 1870’s, approximately 150,000 Indigenous children were removed and separated from their families and communities to attend residential schools. While most of the 139 residential schools ceased to operate by the mid-1970s, the last federally-run school closed in 1996.²

The establishment of residential schools was part of then-Federal government policy to eliminate Indigenous people as distinct peoples and to assimilate them into the Canadian “mainstream”. As Canada’s first Prime Minister Sir John A. Macdonald, told the House of Commons in 1883:

“When the school is on the reserve the child lives with its parents, who are savages; he is surrounded by savages, and though he may learn to read and write his habits, and training and mode of thought are Indian. He is simply a savage who can read and write. It has been strongly pressed on myself, as the head of the Department, that Indian children should be withdrawn as much as possible from the parental influence, and the only way to do that would be to put them in central training industrial schools where they will acquire the habits and modes of thought of white men.”

Residential schools also had a physical impact on the mortality of Indigenous peoples. The Commission estimates that one out of every 25 students died while attending the schools. The Settlement Agreement aims to begin a process of resolution regarding the legacy of residential schools. The Agreement includes five different elements:

- a Common Experience Payment (CEP) for all eligible³ former students of residential schools. The deadline to apply for these payments was 2011 September;
- an Independent Assessment Process (IAP) for claims of sexual or serious physical abuse. The deadline to apply for this compensation was 2012 September;
- measures to support healing such as the establishment of the ‘Residential Schools Resolution Health Support Program’⁴ and an endowment to the Aboriginal Healing Foundation;

¹ Specifically: The General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, the Presbyterian Church of Canada, the United Church of Canada, and Roman Catholic Entities.
² The last operational Residential School was Gordon Residential School in Punnichy, Saskatchewan.
³ Eligible individual are those who were registered and lived at one of 139 identified school locations across Canada. The payment structure set out in the Settlement is $10,000 for the first school year (or part of a school year) plus $3,000 for each school year (or part of a school year) after that.

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The work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) was overseen by three Commissioners\(^5\) and supported by a staff team at the national head office in Winnipeg and smaller offices in Ottawa, Vancouver, Yellowknife and Hobbema, Alberta. As well, a 10 member Indian Residential School Survivor Committee advised the Commission. The mandated work of the TRC included:

- preparing a complete historical record on the policies and operations of residential schools;
- completing a public report including recommendations to the parties of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement (the ‘Settlement’);
- documenting missing children and unmarked burials; and
- establishing a national research centre on reconciliation.

In order to complete this work, the Commission hosted seven national events at which over 1300 hours of testimony from Residential School survivors was recorded. As well, the TRC collected over 6,000 written statements. Documents from all parties subject to the Settlement were also examined.

From this process, the TRC released its final report, *Honouring the Truth – Reconciling for the Future*\(^6\), on 2015 December 15. This report includes sections outlining the history and impact of residential schools, including the experiences of Metis and Inuit peoples; provides estimates on the number of missing children and unmarked burials; and details the continuing impacts of residential schools felt by Indigenous individuals and communities today. The report then concludes with 94 ‘Calls to Action for Reconciliation’. The Actions are directed towards all parties of the Settlement as well as to individuals, other community institutions, and all levels of government including local government. *Section 4.0* below provides more information on the ‘Calls to Action’.

In anticipation of the final report release, the TRC established the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation housed at the University of Manitoba. This Centre fulfills the TRC’s commitment to establish a national research centre on reconciliation and also is a permanent repository and

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\(^4\) For example, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada seeks to support former students in crisis by funding the National Indian Residential School Crisis Line, a national, 24-hour toll-free support service (1-866-925-4419).
\(^5\) The Commissioners were: Senator Murray Sinclair, Dr. Marie Wilson and Chief Wilton Littlechild.
\(^6\) A full copy of the report can be found at: [http://nctr.ca/reports.php](http://nctr.ca/reports.php)
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archive for the statements, documents and other materials the TRC gathered over its years of operation. The Centre was officially opened in 2015 November.

3.3 Final Report and Calls to Action

The ‘Calls to Action’ included in the final report of the TRC are divided into two categories: legacy (Actions #1 to #42) and reconciliation (Actions #43 to #94.). The ‘legacy’ actions include sections on Child Welfare, Education, Language and Culture and Health and Justice. The ‘reconciliation’ actions include sections relating to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights on Indigenous Peoples, equity for Indigenous peoples in the legal system, professional development and training for public servants, education, relationships with faith institutions, youth, museums and archives, missing children and women, sports, business, and immigration. These actions also provide direction to the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation to continue its research and cataloguing activities.

The United Nations Declaration on the Rights on Indigenous Peoples\footnote{A full copy of the Declaration can be found at: http://www.iwgia.org/human-rights/international-human-rights-instruments/undeclaration-on-the-rights-of-indigenous-peoples} was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2007 and recognises the wide range of basic human rights and fundamental freedoms of Indigenous peoples. In particular, the Declaration highlights the requirement for prior and informed consultation, participation and consent for activities of any kind that impact Indigenous peoples. Although broad in scope, the content of the Declaration largely references the level of government, which differs from country to country, that is respectively responsible for relationships with Indigenous peoples and nations. On 2016 May 10, the Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister, the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, formally declared at the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues that Canada is now a full supporter of the declaration and that its content would be adopted and implemented in accordance with the Canadian Constitution. The previous Conservative Government had previously lodged ‘permanent objector status’ with the UN against the Declaration.

As mentioned above, the ‘Calls to Action’ speak not only to parties of the Settlement but also to other levels of governments, including local government, and to other community institutions and individual Canadians.

The eight actions that specifically name municipal governments or which refer to ‘all levels of government’ in areas of local government jurisdiction/involvement are excerpted below:

- #43) We call upon all levels of government to fully adopt and implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as a framework for reconciliation.
- #47) We call upon all levels of government to repudiate concepts used to justify European sovereignty over Indigenous peoples and lands.
- #55) We call upon all levels of government to provide annual reports and/or any current data to the National Centre for Reconciliation so that it can report on the progress towards reconciliation.
• **#57** We call upon all levels of governments to provide education to public servants on the history of Aboriginal peoples, including the history and legacy of residential schools. This will require skills-based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism.

• **#75** We call upon all levels of government, as applicable, to develop and implement strategies and procedures for the ongoing protection of residential school cemeteries. This includes the provision of appropriate memorial ceremonies and commemorative markers to honour the deceased children.

• **#77** We call upon the archives of all levels of government to work collaboratively with the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation to identify and collect copies of all records relevant to the history and legacy of the residential school system.

• **#87** We call upon all levels of government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, sports halls of fame, and other relevant organizations, to provide public education that tells the national story of Aboriginal athletes in history.

• **#88** We call upon all levels of government to take action to ensure long-term Aboriginal athlete development and growth and continued support for North American Indigenous Games.

Other actions directed towards higher levels of government will, should they be implemented, also impact Burnaby. For example, these include a call to the federal government to establish multi-year funding for youth programs on reconciliation (#66), and a call to provincial governments to develop age-appropriate curriculum on residential schools as a mandatory requirement for all students from kindergarten to grade 12 (#62). As well, the actions contain a call to the corporate community to commit to relationship-building and consultation and ensure equitable access to jobs, training and professional development (#92), which may inform the activities of the Burnaby Board of Trade and similar entities in other cities.

### 4.0 ACTIVITIES OF OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

A number of other local government entities around British Columbia are also working on responding to the ‘Calls for Action’ contained within the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Final Report. A snapshot of these activities include:

- **Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District** declared a ‘Year of Reconciliation’ in 2013 and have engaged in staff and elected leader competency training. As well, a section of the Regional District’s website is now dedicated to reconciliation information and activities.

- **City of North Vancouver** contributed to a public art project acknowledging the site of the former St. Paul’s Residential School. As well, the North Vancouver Public Library has created a program called the Truth and Reconciliation Pledge Project that provides resources to library users and encourages community members to become familiar with the work and recommendations of the TRC.

- **City of Prince George** has renamed Fort George Park to Lheidli T’enneh Memorial Park to honour the people who were forced to move their village in 1913 to make way for the growing city. The Lheidli T’enneh burial ground is located in the park.
• City of Vancouver also declared a ‘Year of Reconciliation’ in 2013 and has endorsed the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People. Based on this, staff were instructed to develop a ‘reconciliation framework’ including training for staff, strengthening relationships with local Nations and urban Indigenous population, and building corporate cultural competency. This framework has begun to be implemented. An ‘Aboriginal Storyteller in Residence’ position has also been created at Vancouver Public Library.

• City of Surrey is in the process of developing an ‘Urban Aboriginal Social Strategy’ which is being led by a citizen-based leadership committee.

5.0 RECENT AND ONGOING RELATED INITIATIVES IN BURNABY

Burnaby has always been home to diverse communities of Indigenous peoples. Today, in addition to Coast Salish Nations, the city is home to First Nations, Métis, and Inuit from all over the country. As a reflection of this reality, the City has and is participating in a number of recent and ongoing related initiatives. For example, these include:

Recent Initiatives

• Indigenous history is recognized in the ‘Charting Change’ atlas included on the Heritage Burnaby website.
• Links to Aboriginal studies and local programs for Indigenous families are included in the Social Planning website content for the main City website.
• The City participated in the development of the Burnaby School District’s most recent ‘Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement’ (approved 2014 November). The City is also a signatory to this Agreement as a ‘Community Witness’.
• City staff participated in and supported a professional education opportunity for local social service agencies in 2015 May entitled ‘First Peoples 101’. This opportunity was provided in partnership with North Burnaby Interagency Council\(^8\) and the Burnaby School District.

Ongoing Initiatives

• Burnaby Village Museum is:
  o working with Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh, and Musqueam Nations to research Aboriginal history as it relates to Burnaby and to deliver Aboriginal programming on site\(^9\);
  o retaining educators to train staff and volunteers about First Nations cultural traditions;
  o working with local First Nations as well as the Burnaby School District’s Vice Principal of Aboriginal Education to update the Museum’s school programs with Aboriginal content in order to meet the new K-12 curriculum objectives mandated by the Provincial government; and,

\(^8\) This Committee is composed of a variety of local social service organizations active in North Burnaby. The training was open to non-profit organizations active in all areas of Burnaby.

\(^9\) For example, the Museum has retained First Nations educators to deliver regular public programs, including ‘Weaving Squamish Stories’ and ‘Aboriginal Medicinal Plant Tours’.
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• working to make information about Indigenous artifacts in its collections available through the ‘Heritage Burnaby’ website.

- Since 2014, Council has proclaimed and recognized June 21st as ‘National Aboriginal Day’, the national holiday recognizing and celebrating the many accomplishments and contributions of Indigenous peoples.
- City Archives is reviewing its records and will provide copies of any findings related to Indigenous peoples to the National Council for Reconciliation 10.
- City staff have participated in the Burnaby Intercultural Planning Table since its inception in 2007.
- Related Heritage Burnaby content is being expanded as resources allow. This includes recognizing related ‘places of significance’ and interpretive signage, where appropriate.
- City staff are supporting the Burnaby Sports Hall of Fame to complete community outreach in order to connect with and recognize local Indigenous athletes.
- Burnaby Public Library is expanding its collection of Indigenous materials, including resources for both adults and children 11. The Library is also partnering with Spirit of the Children Society, a locally-based agency offering services for Indigenous families, to develop additional programming for library branches.
- City staff participated in an ad-hoc community-based planning committee to organize Burnaby’s inaugural ‘National Aboriginal Day’ celebrations, which occurred on 2016 June 21 at Edmonds Community School.

6.0 ADDITIONAL INITIATIVES

Building upon these initiatives, staff have consulted with relevant City Departments to identify further initiatives the City could explore. These include:

- A City proclamation supporting the intent of and acknowledging the Federal Government’s recent adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and its implementation by the Federal Government in accordance with the Canadian Constitution.
- A further Burnaby Oral Histories project, through the Community Heritage Commission, related to Indigenous community members as well as members of other ethno-cultural groups.
- City staff training through the annual internal professional education program (e.g. incorporated into Believe and Achieve programming, content included in new employee orientation, support of Department in-service training opportunities) and/or by supporting

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10 To the knowledge of staff, as based upon a listing of residential schools covered by the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement, no residential schools were based in Burnaby. The closest residential schools were located in North Vancouver, Mission and Chilliwack as well as other communities (e.g. Sechelt, Alert Bay) across B.C.

11 This includes bookclub sets of Aboriginal authors, online recommendations and resources, and developing related curriculum resource information for teachers.
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staff to take the online Union of BC Municipalities Indigenous Cultural Competency Training.  
  • Other opportunities to include Indigenous elements into community events.  

Staff would further develop these opportunities within the City’s existing programs and initiatives. As required, separate subsequent reports would be brought forward to Council containing implementation details for review and approval.  

7.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS  

On 2015 December 15, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada released its final report, Honouring the Truth – Reconciling for the Future. The report contains 94 ‘Calls to Action for Reconciliation’. The Actions are directed towards individuals, other community institutions, and all levels of government including local government. More specifically, there are seven actions that specifically name municipal governments or which refer to ‘all levels of government’ in areas of local government jurisdiction/involvement. The City is already active in undertaking a number of initiatives that relate to many of these actions.  

Based on this existing involvement, a staff review across departments identified several other initiatives that can be developed further under the City’s existing programs and initiatives. As such, it is recommended that this report be received for information.  

Lou Pelletier, Director  
PLANNING AND BUILDING  

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cc: City Manager  
  Deputy City Manager  
  Director Engineering  
  Director, Human Resources  
  Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services  
  Chief Librarian  
  City Solicitor  
  City Clerk  
  Burnaby Village Museum, Curator  
  City Archivist  

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12 Beginning in 2015, September the Union of BC Municipalities has been offering online cultural competency training, via a partnership with Sany’has Indigenous Cultural Safety Training, for BC elected officials and local government staff.
TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING
FILE: 3520 20
Reference: Burnaby Remembers

SUBJECT: BURNABY REMEMBERS PROGRAM – 2016

PURPOSE: To seek expenditure authorization for the Burnaby Remembers Program for Remembrance Day – November 11, 2016.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council be requested to approve an expenditure of $2,000.00 (inclusive of GST) for the Burnaby Remembers Program, as outlined in this report.

REPORT

In 2005, the Community Heritage Commission initiated a project to recognize and remember individuals that served in the time of war. Since then, the Burnaby Remembers Program has expanded to include on an annual basis:

- Maintaining the “Roll of Honour,” a list commemorating Burnaby’s war casualties and residents that served in the armed forces during World War I and World War II;
- A floral display with the framed “Roll of Honour” in the foyer of City Hall;
- A dedicated link for the public at www.burnaby.ca/remembers, which includes historic photos and a link to “From the Heart – The Freeman Legacy” – a multimedia collaboration with Simon Fraser University, which showcases the military and civilian careers of five distinguished Freeman of Burnaby;
- Advertisement in the local newspaper with the “Roll of Honour” and details for citizens on the Remembrance Day ceremonies at the City’s two cenotaphs; and
- A web and social media campaign on the City website, Twitter and Facebook to promote local activities related to Remembrance Day.

This report seeks expenditure authorization from the Community Heritage Commission’s budget to fund a full page advertisement in the local newspaper to notify citizens of the Remembrance Day ceremonies and to include the “Roll of Honor” (see Attachment #1). The advertisement will be published in the Burnaby Now as part of their annual Remembrance Day feature on Wednesday, November 9, 2016. The cost for this program is estimated at $2,000.00 (inclusive
of GST) and sufficient funds are available in the Community Heritage Commission’s annual budget for this purpose.

Lou Pelletier, Director
PLANNING AND BUILDING

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Attachment

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BURNABY REMEMBERS
Our Fallen Heroes

On this November 11th take a moment to pause, reflect, remember.

For more information, please call 604-294-7400, or go to www.burnaby.ca/remembers
COMMISSION REPORT

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

DATE: 2016 October 25

FILE: 1650 01
Reference: Heritage Interpretive Plaque

SUBJECT: FREDERICK & ALICE HART ESTATE “AVALON” – HERITAGE SITE INTERPRETIVE PLAQUE,
6664 DEER LAKE AVENUE

PURPOSE: To seek approval for the final design of the interpretive plaque for the Frederick
and Alice Hart Estate “Avalon”.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council be requested to approve the design and installation of the
interpretive plaque for the Frederick and Alice Hart Estate “Avalon,” as outlined in
this report.

REPORT

On 13 June 2016, Council approved the design and installation of an interpretive plaque for the
Frederick and Alice Hart Estate “Avalon”. The design for the interpretive plaque was subject to
final review and approval by the Community Heritage Commission and Council.

A final design has been completed (see Attachment #1) and is now submitted for the
consideration of the Community Heritage Commission.

Lou Pelletier, Director
PLANNING AND BUILDING

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Attachment

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Director Engineering
Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
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"Avalon"
Frederick & Alice Hart Estate, 1912

"Avalon" was built by local real estate agent, Frederick John Hart (1868-1945), and his wife Alice Chapman Hart (1867-1935). Born on the Avalon Peninsula in Newfoundland, Frederick Hart came to New Westminster in 1890. He purchased this site on the shore of Deer Lake in 1904 as a summer retreat for his wife and children, Kingsley and Florence. In 1912, the Harts decided to build an estate and they chose the talented Burnaby architect, Frank W. Macey to design this mansion.

The British Columbian newspaper noted that F.J. Hart’s “beautiful home...will be one of the handsomest in Burnaby when completed, costing it is estimated, nearly $50,000.” The home is designed in the Tudor Revival style and features a massive tower with mock battlements, corbeled chimneys, cobblestone foundations and decorative half-timbering. In 1917, Montague and Ethel Moore moved into the home they named Rosedale Gardens and developed a beautiful farm, planting many of the specimen trees and shrubs visible today.

Purchased by the City of Burnaby in 1979, the building was designated as a heritage site in 1992. Since 1988, the Hart House has been used as a restaurant.
TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION  

DATE: 2016 October 26

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING  
FILE: 1650 01

SUBJECT: REMEMBERING WORKING PEOPLE: PLAQUES AROUND THE PROVINCE PROJECT  
Reference: Interpretive Plaques

PURPOSE: To authorize the nomination of historic events and locations that recognizes the history of working people in Burnaby.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council be requested to approve the expenditure of up to $5,000.00 (inclusive of GST and/or PST) to fund the production of plaques under BC Heritage Centre’s Remembering Working People: Plaques Around the Province Project, as outlined in this report.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

At its meeting on 08 June 2016, the Community Heritage Commission requested that staff prepare a report nominating the following events as part of the BC Labour Heritage Centre’s new Remembering Working People: Plaques Around the Province Project:

   i) Barnet Lumber Company Mill Workers Strike, 1931; and
   ii) Japanese Workmen Railway Disaster at Lost Creek, 1909.

The purpose of the project is to identify and catalogue existing memorials to working people in British Columbia and through a nomination process install a series of bronze plaques to recognize significant people, places or events. This report outlines the scope of the project and provides details of the two events and locations being proposed.

2.0 REMEMBERING WORKING PEOPLE: PLAQUES AROUND THE PROVINCE PROJECT

At the end of 2015, the BC Labour Heritage Society announced a new Remembering Working People: Plaques Around the Province Project to fulfill their goal of increasing public awareness
of the history of working people in British Columbia in a permanent way. The criteria for the nominations include:

- Defining events, actions, episodes, movements, or experiences that played a significant role in the history of the labour movement and working people in British Columbia;
- Groups and individuals that made a lasting contribution to labour and working history; and
- Places that hold a direct association with a significant aspect of BC or Canadian labour history.

A nomination may be submitted by any person for events, groups, individuals or places that demonstrate the contributions of working people to the history of British Columbia, and the proposed location for the plaque should be accessible to the public and contribute to an understanding of the foundation laid by working people in the province’s history. Each plaque, which will be produced by the BC Labour Heritage Centre, will measure 18” x 29” and be individually crafted and cast in bronze for longevity.

3.0 PROPOSED NOMINATIONS

Staff identified a total of five different events, individuals or places for possible nomination, and the Commission supported the nomination of two of these events:

i) Barnet Lumber Company Mill Workers Strike, 1931

In 1931, some 800 employees of the Barnet Lumber Company Limited wanted to strike in protest against wage reductions, but management closed the mill and locked out the employees. According to the workers, they were threatened with a 20 per cent wage cut which would have brought some of their wages down to 19 cents an hour. Formerly known as the North Pacific Lumber Company and originally one of the largest lumber producers in the British Empire, the mill employed Japanese, Chinese and East Indian labourers. After the lockout, the manager, Mr. Reid, passed away, and the mill closed later that year. Many of the men remained unemployed until World War II.

The proposed location for this plaque is at the Barnet Marine Park, 8382 Burrard Inlet.

ii) Japanese Workmen Railway Disaster at Lost Creek, 1909

In the early hours of November 28, 1909, 43 people were travelling by train from Vancouver to do some repairs on the road when the train went down a hole near Lost Creek, a tributary of the Brunette River. Twenty-two workmen, mostly of Japanese descent, were killed in the crash. The crash was attributed to heavy rains which had undermined the embankment. Rescue efforts were hampered by the darkness, continuing rains, the steep banks of the ravine and the torrent of water which continued to pour through the creek. Very few personal accounts of the wreck were subsequently published.
and newspaper editors apparently made no effort to bridge the language gap with the survivors. A coroner’s inquest eventually concluded that the accident was attributed to the storm and recommended that a night track-walker be employed during severe rainstorms.

It is proposed to locate this plaque along the Central Valley Greenway near the junction of Lost Creek and the Brunette River.

4.0 COSTS

The cost of producing each plaque will depend on its size and complexity, but it is estimated to cost between $3,000 to $5,000 each. Nominators are requested to contribute at least one-third of the cost of each plaque. Based on these considerations, and subject to final approval of the nomination, an amount of up to $5,000.00 is being sought for the production and installation of the plaques. The City’s contribution to the project will be funded from the 2016 budget of the Community Heritage Commission.

5.0 CONCLUSION

BC Labour Heritage Centre’s latest project will increase the public awareness of the history of working people in Burnaby by highlighting two often overlooked historic events. Following Council approval, staff will proceed with the nominations of these two events as outlined in this report. The design for the plaques would be the subject to final review and approval by the Community Heritage Commission and Council.

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