

**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**DATE:** 2015 June 18

**FROM:** DIRECTOR FINANCE

**FILE:** 2410-20

**SUBJECT:** INFORMATION UPDATE – EAGLES ESTATE AND BALDWIN HOUSE

**PURPOSE:** To recommend continuation of the joint City-BCIT heritage project for the next school year.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** the Financial Management Committee recommend Council authorize staff to continue with the joint City-BCIT heritage project for the next school year as outlined in this report.
2. **THAT** this report be referred to the Community Heritage Committee for information.

**REPORT****1.0 BACKGROUND**

Staff provided a progress report to the Community Heritage Commission 2015 June 04 on a joint City-British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) heritage project for the Eagles Estate and Baldwin House. At this meeting the students and staff of BCIT appeared as a delegation to provide an overview of their work and the experience that they had working with City. The Community Heritage Commission received the delegation warmly and requested that a report recommending continuation of this project be sent to the Financial Management Committee for review and direction.

The Land Conservancy of British Columbia vacated the Eagles Estate and Baldwin House in 2013, staff have been working to find opportunities to broaden community access to these two heritage buildings and their surrounding gardens in Deer Lake Park. Even without the benefit of advertising, both properties continue to generate interest from the public.

In 2014 May, Licence staff entered into discussions with faculty members from BCIT to examine possible partnering opportunities. Given the age of the facilities and the heritage designation, maintenance of both of these houses is very specialized. After viewing the two properties BCIT faculty responded enthusiastically offering to work with City staff to determine

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if a program could be developed for these two buildings, using teaching programs and student engagement. The Finance Department was granted Council permission to work with BCIT on the development of a teaching curriculum.

The project with BCIT began 2014 October. The following outlines the details of the 2014 Fall/2015 Winter-Spring project:

### ***City-BCIT Initial Joint Heritage Project***

To complete Auto-CAD as-built drawings for the Eagles Estate and Baldwin House utilizing the BCIT Architectural and Structural CADD and Graphics Technician programs by incorporating this activity into the following courses:

- ASCT 1240 – Arch Graphics – As-Built Measurements & Field Sketches
- ASCT 1210 CAD – Computer Applications

Architectural Design students began site reviews of the two properties in 2014 October 22 with computer graphics work following into December. On 2015 January 22, City Management staff attended BCIT to review the work of students and answer questions about the operations of the City. Students were proud and pleased to share their work; each one participated in a team presentation.

City staff were greatly impressed by the caliber of work and the enthusiasm of BCIT facility and staff regarding the program. The ASCT program curriculum was built around the two Burnaby civic heritage facilities. The BCIT instructor had spent considerable time and effort in making the program interesting and appropriate for the work program of the course. The project delivered as-built drawing plans for both the Eagles Estate located at 5655 Sperling Avenue and Baldwin House located at 6572 Deer Lake Drive.

At the 2015 June 04 Community Heritage Commission meeting, members of the Community Heritage Commission were also impressed by the accomplishments of the students and expressed their appreciation for work well done.

### ***Next Steps***

In support of the City-BCIT initiative, BCIT is currently exploring 2015/2016 program considerations as follows:

- The SUST 7100 Course (Introduction to Sustainable Urban Development) will be led by instructor Donald Yen (who lead the ASCT Program). The curriculum will be designed to engage a cross-section of directed studies students from various program offerings to explore sustainable opportunities to provide operational and business plans in support of the retention of heritage buildings in the community.

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- The Interior Design Diploma Program which could incorporate accessibility assessment activities and interior decorating design.
- The Architectural Science Degree Program will use the facilities as a design tool and explore the heritage significance of the structures while reviewing the building envelope and energy performance.
- The School of Construction and Environment and the School of Business can coordinate student directed studies course/workshop to explore potential uses of the houses. This program can build off of the data gathered from completed activities.

## 2.0 RECOMMENDATION

The first year of the joint City-BCIT program has been very successful. Staff request Financial Management Committee recommend Council to authorize staff to continue for the next school year (2015 September through 2016 June) with the joint City-BCIT heritage project.

It is also recommended that a copy of this report be referred to the Community Heritage Committee for information.



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