



Burnaby Task Force On Homelessness

Working Together to END Homelessness in Burnaby

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Mayor Corrigan and City Council
Burnaby City Hall
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SECTION 2

COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

City Manager
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Dir. Planning & Building
Planning & Development Committee
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Dear Mayor Corrigan and City Council:

I am writing at the request of the Burnaby Task Force On Homelessness.

This letter is a follow up to the Dec 1, 2015 Burnaby Now article by Jennifer Moreau **“Minister says there's money for homeless shelter in Burnaby”** in which Minister Coleman is quoted as saying “we’re prepared to take our provincial responsibility, but we do need to have willing partner”.

“Coleman said the province spends \$32 million a year in Burnaby on housing support for low-income individuals, seniors, families and people who are at risk. A homeless shelter, however, can help stabilize people so they can get the support they need and then find housing.”

The Burnaby Task Force continues to be very concerned about the number of Burnaby citizens living in poverty. Recent fires in homeless camps, the rising cost of rent in Burnaby, continued low rental vacancies, loss of affordable housing units and proposed demolition of older rental stock clearly identify significant housing issues affecting Burnaby citizens.

We are pleased to recognize the City of Burnaby for demonstrating innovative solutions through the Community Benefit Bonus Housing Fund Policy - City Land Program For Non Market Housing Projects. The use of these two parcels of land is the start to an initiative that we believe will assist in creating affordable housing for Burnaby residents.

Given the news of the provincial government commitment, The Burnaby Task Force requests a meeting with Mayor Corrigan and the Planning and Development Committee to discuss this provincial financial commitment and to plan next steps for a made for Burnaby housing solution in support of Burnaby homeless citizens.

Please contact me to establish this meeting. The contact number for the Burnaby Task Force On Homelessness is 604-317-8114 or info@burnabyhomelesstaskforce.org.

Thank you

Sincerely,

on behalf of the
Burnaby Task Force On Homelessness

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