



Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
Burnaby Village Museum

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RE: Rivers to Sea Regional Heritage Fair at Burnaby Village Museum

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your continued support as a sponsor of the Rivers to Sea Regional Heritage Fair at Burnaby Village Museum. This year's Fair will take place on May 6th and 7th. We expect close to 100 students, grades 4 to 10, presenting Canadian-themed Social Studies projects. With your assistance we would like to continue to offer the *City of Burnaby Community Heritage Commission Award*.

A Heritage Fair is a wonderful opportunity to promote both Canadian and local history in a fun and engaging way. The recipient of the *City of Burnaby Community Heritage Commission Award* in 2015 was Sijjad Jebur, a grade 8 student from Byrne Creek Secondary School. His project was titled "Sijjad comes to Canada". Sijjad received a keeper plaque and an interesting book uncovering BC's Ancient Past as well as a Vancouver Art Gallery pass for two.

In 2015, the Heritage Advisory Committee was kind enough to ask Les Lee Lowe to assist as a judge. I would like to thank Mrs. Lowe for her assistance over the years and formally request her assistance with this year's Heritage Fair. I would also like to extend the invitation to other members of the Heritage Advisory Committee. It is a rewarding experience as I am sure Mrs. Lowe would agree.

In the past, the Community Heritage Commission has provided the Museum with a financial donation of \$500 to assist with the Rivers to Sea Regional Heritage Fair. I would like to respectfully request financial support for this year's Fair. This money is used to update the perpetual award each year and to provide students with small keeper plaques. Funds have also been used to purchase prizes including historical books and games that are rewarded to students for a job well done.

The Regional Heritage Fair has become the unofficial start to the Museum's public season. The Fair is not just about the awards ceremony or the selection of students going to the BC Heritage Fair, held in Prince Rupert this summer. The Fair is a celebration of heritage and history, while also being a fantastic opportunity for the students and their families to enjoy everything Burnaby Village Museum has to offer. Holding the Regional Fair during the public season and no charge admission has forever altered the experience of the Heritage Fair. Our hope is to make the 2016 Fair a memorable experience for everyone involved. Thank you for your continued support in this endeavor.

Yours truly,

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