

March 24, 2016

Derek Corrigan, Mayor, City of Burnaby

Dear Mayor Corrigan:

Re: Federal Canadian Heritage Grant for Scandinavian 2017 Midsummer Festival

The Scandinavian Community Centre organizes the Midsummer Festival each year in Burnaby. This festival ranks amongst our most popular annual events, bringing in thousands of individuals who come to enjoy a growing program of music, dance, arts and culinary heritage in Burnaby.

Each year we have the opportunity to apply for a Canadian Heritage Grant. The current application is for the 2017 Midsummer Festival. We will need to include a letter of support from the City of Burnaby. We have received the following information from Guinevere Sanderson, Senior Program Advisor, Building Communities through Arts & Heritage, Department of Canadian Heritage. In part she notes:

"As you likely know in order to be considered eligible to the Program a project must have written confirmation of municipal support, in this case from the City of Burnaby... In order to proceed with the application I need something in writing from the city confirming that they indeed to support next year's festival. Please submit this letter... Failure to do so will result in your project being deemed ineligible."

Each year Burnaby supports the Midsummer Festival with such things as barricades, no parking signs, safety vests and tents. Perhaps a letter of intention to support the 2017 Midsummer Festival in such a way would suffice.

The Scandinavian Centre would appreciate your attention to this matter.

Kind regards

Norman Eyford

Past President Scandinavian Community Centre Society

Midsummer Festival Chair