



**Commission Agenda**  
**Date ..... 2016 May 18**  
**Correspondence ..... (a)**



Parks Recreation and Culture Commission  
c/o Burnaby Parks Recreation and Cultural Services  
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Burnaby, BC, V5G 4H7

**RE: 2016 Adrian Oliver Memorial Run for Honour House**

May 8th, 2016

Dear Members of the Parks Recreation and Culture Commission,

I am writing to seek the City of Burnaby's support for a worthy cause that provides assistance to military personnel, first responders, veterans and their families in times of need.

By way of background, in November 2012, Constable Adrian Oliver, a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, was killed in the line of duty in Surrey, BC. Adrian is my identical twin brother and I am also a serving member of the Burnaby RCMP. In the difficult days that followed his death, Honour House opened its doors to my family as they travelled to the Vancouver area from across Canada to be with family and friends.

In November 2013, in partnership with Honour House Society and Burnaby RCMP, Adrian's family and friends organized the first Adrian Oliver Memorial Run in recognition of his dedicated service and to commemorate and honour all first responders who perished in the line of duty.

Due to its success, the Adrian Oliver Memorial Run has now become an annual event. All proceeds from the memorial run are donated to Honour House Society – a non-profit charitable organization located in the heart of New Westminster, BC (CRA Registration Number: 842367294RR0001). Honour House provides a "home away from home" and a place of recovery specifically for military personnel and first



**NOTE**

Item 2 of the Director's Report No. 5 refers to this matter



responders while they are receiving medical care or coping with a sudden tragedy. Honour House depends entirely on donations to allow it to continue providing essential services to Canadian heroes and their families throughout British Columbia. To date, the memorial run has raised over \$60,000 for this important charity.

On November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the fourth annual Adrian Oliver Memorial Run will be held at at the Shadbolt Centre and Deer Lake Park in Burnaby, BC. The run is open to first responders, the general public and surrounding communities. To promote camaraderie and esprit de corps, first responder organizations are encouraged to register a team to compete for a prestigious trophy. Once again, 100% of the proceeds generated from the memorial run will be used to support Honour House and its important mission.

**Due to the charitable nature of the event, we are requesting the support of the City of Burnaby by means of having the reservation fees for Deer Lake Park and Shadbolt Centre partially or fully waived.**

Promotion and advertising of this year's run is already underway through social media, community bulletins and our website. All contributions will be acknowledged on the Adrian Oliver Memorial Run website. Donations valued at \$500 or above will be displayed on our run billboard on the day of the event. Donations valued at \$1000 or more will be acknowledged on both our billboard and run t-shirts.

The City of Burnaby's support could be important in expanding Honour House's vision to other regions and maintaining a living memorial to military personnel and first responders – past, present and future. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to communicate with me or Craig Longstaff, General Manager, Honour House (phone: 778-397-4399, e-mail: [craig@honourhouse.ca](mailto:craig@honourhouse.ca)).

Sincerely,

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Honour House is a home away from home and a place of recovery for members of our Armed Forces, Emergency Services Personnel, Veterans and their families to stay, completely free of charge, while they are receiving medical care and treatment in the Metro Vancouver Region.

These brave individuals protect and save our lives and the lives of those we love every day without hesitation, never asking for anything from us in return. Honour House allows us the opportunity to show our support and appreciation for their selfless sacrifice.

Located on a quiet tree-lined street in New Westminster, British Columbia, Honour House is a beautiful, fully renovated heritage home with 10 private en suite bedrooms. The house has a large shared kitchen, a living room, a media room, two sun rooms and many other common spaces. It has been fully modernized and is set in its own extensive and lovingly maintained grounds. Honour House opened its doors to its first guests in September 2011 and since then our "Home away from Home" has provided more than 1600 nights of housing for our heroes and their families.

Honour House receives no direct funding and relies heavily on the fundraising efforts of its Board Members, volunteers and generous donations from the business community, public and private organizations and the general public.

To learn more please visit our website at [www.honourhouse.ca](http://www.honourhouse.ca) or call us at (778) 397-4399.

