
TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

DATE: 2016 May 26

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

FILE: 3520-20
Reference: Still Creek Walking Tour

SUBJECT: WATERWAYS OF BURNABY: DISCOVERING THE HERITAGE &
NATURE OF BURNABY'S STILL CREEK CONSERVATION AREA

PURPOSE: To request funding to design and print a walking tour brochure for the Still Creek Conservation Area for the City's World Rivers Day, September 25, 2016.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council be requested to approve an expenditure of up to \$2,000.00 for the production of a new walking tour guide for the Still Creek Conservation Area, as outlined in this report.
2. **THAT** Council refer this report to the Environment Committee for their information.

REPORT

In 2012, the Community Heritage Commission in partnership with the Environment Committee, jointly produced the "Waterways of Burnaby" map poster as part of the City's Environment Week and World Rivers Day programs. The Waterways of Burnaby map serves as an important public education initiative to raise awareness of the City's outstanding system of local creeks and watersheds. In order to celebrate the 2016 World Rivers Day on September 25, 2016, and further build on the Waterways of Burnaby initiative, a new public brochure has been conceptualized by staff to further promote the City's natural and local history and heritage to both residents and visitors.

This new project has been developed as a self-guided walking tour brochure that would provide a route to discover the hidden natural and heritage highlights that have been protected by the City of Burnaby within the developing Still Creek Conservation Area. An overall history of Still Creek would be provided that would trace its history as a former arm of the Fraser River to its utilization for stormwater management and its ongoing preservation by the City as a vital urban waterway with increasing ecological importance, evidenced by the recent return of salmon to their historic spawning areas.

The tour would utilize the proximity of the Millenium Line SkyTrain Stations at Gilmore and Sperling as the locations where visitors can start and end their walk, while still having access to public transit to return to their starting point. (see *Attachment #1*). Along the route, the brochure would highlight and illustrate the locations of some of the City's fascinating historical sites, such as the location of the "Legend of the Sinking Train" and the history of the Spartan Oil Wells. Additionally, the natural history of Still Creek will be highlighted including its unique flora and fauna.

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Along with these points of interest, the brochure will highlight the City's ongoing effort to revitalize and protect Still Creek at a number of locations including Slough Estates and the City's own Still Creek Works Yard. Overall, the brochure will bring more public awareness and knowledge to the protection of this fascinating waterway and the developing Conservation Area.

The brochure will bring further understanding to the importance of the Still Creek Conservation Area, as part of the larger Central Valley watershed, as it will also highlight a number of heritage creeks and tributaries already recognized in the Waterways of Burnaby poster. The walking tour is intended to bring public awareness to these waterways within the corridor, and provide more utilization and appreciation of the public walkways and trails that have been developed for citizens' use and enjoyment.

The requested \$2,000.00 expenditure would provide for the printing of a quantity of full-colour guide brochures at the City of Burnaby's Print Shop. The City Clerk has advised that sufficient funds for this project are available in the Commission's 2016 annual operating budget.

A copy of the draft brochure would be presented to both the Community Heritage Commission and Environment Committee, prior to its official launch on World Rivers Day on September 25, 2016. Aside from World Rivers Day, the walking tour brochure would be distributed, free of charge, to Burnaby residents and visitors at future Heritage Week and Environment Week events. It would also be available in digital formats on the City's website and distributed at the following civic-owned facilities:

- City Hall
- City of Burnaby Community and Recreation Centres
- Burnaby Public Libraries
- Tourist Info Kiosk at Metropolis, Metrotown
- Shadbolt Centre for the Arts
- Burnaby Village Museum

This report recommends that Council authorize staff to proceed to develop the walking tour brochure as part of the City's program for World Rivers Day on September 25, 2016. As outlined, the expenditure of \$2,000 is recommended to be drawn from the Community Heritage Commission's established 2016 budget. It is also recommended that this report be referred to the Environment Committee for information.


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Attachment

Copied to: City Manager
City Clerk

STILL CREEK CONSERVATION AREA - PROPOSED HERITAGE AND NATURE WALKING TOUR

