



Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
Burnaby Village Museum

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION DATE: 2017 February 02

FROM: DEBORAH TUYTTENS

SUBJECT: BURNABY VILLAGE MUSEUM UPDATES

Christmas:

- Successful Christmas season with attendance of 51,755 – 2nd highest on record
- New light displays very popular. The Nine Ladies dancing in the rain proved to be a very popular photo stop on social media.
- New Christmas singalong entertainer attracted hundreds of visitors each day for impromptu group carol sings.

Coming up:

- Spring Break March 13 – 24, 2017.
- Staff are working with a Burnaby School District focus group comprised of the district aboriginal enhancement teacher and head teachers from Lakeview and Morley to help update our school programs to meet the new BC curriculum, which focused on First Nations perspectives and cultural diversity. We anticipate being able to incorporate several First Nations stations into Spring Discovery Days. We are also working on a new Teacher's Package with lessons and activities about First Nations history.
- Staff are working on a "Burnaby Then and Now" photography exhibit for the summer, to celebrate Burnaby's 125th anniversary
- We are also anticipating a larger Canada Day with additional entertainment as part of the Burnaby 125/Canada 150 events
- Research into the Museum's pharmacy exhibit is underway with assistance of a team of volunteers. The project will include research into Burnaby's early pharmacies and pharmacists, as well as enhancing our knowledge of the items on display. We plan to use the research to create new interpretive materials for the space.

Respectfully submitted,

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