

**Commission Agenda****Date.....2017 Apr 19****Delegations .....(c)****From:** darcy olson**Sent:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017 11:01 AM**To:** Parks - City of Burnaby**Subject:** Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee

Dear Parks, Recreation and Culture Chairperson and Committee Members.

I would like to bring your attention to two matters. First, Migratory Bird Week and second, Cherry Blossom Festival.

Migratory birds in the western hemisphere make two migrations each year. In the spring they migrate from south to north coming from as far south as South America heading as far north as the Arctic. The process repeats itself in the fall. Literally millions upon millions of birds make this journey from the tiniest humming birds to Whooping Cranes. This migration is celebrated worldwide as it also occurs in the Eastern Hemisphere. Vancouver has a week in May dedicated to this event called Vancouver Bird Week. Other North American cities and areas also celebrate this event. As Burnaby has many lovely parks and natural areas it might be possible to consider developing our own Migratory Bird Week event and I would leave it to you to investigate this and develop a plan.

Second, is Cherry Blossom Time. Again, Vancouver has a Festival with events that span the blossom season. Burnaby is heavily treed with both flowering Cherry and Plum trees throughout our parks, natural areas and neighbourhoods. This festival brings thousands of people to the great outdoors to appreciate the blossoming trees. Again, The committee could take steps to develop a Burnaby Blossom Festival.

I would be willing to appear as a delegation at your next meeting. In the interim you can look up information on both events through an internet search on Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival, Vancouver Bird Week, Migratory Bird Week, International Migratory Bird Week. These should lead you to appropriate sites for more information.

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