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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

CHAIR AND MEMBERS

COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

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FROM:

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SUBJECT: CITY OF BURNABY ARCHIVES - UPDATE

For the information of the Chair and Members of the Community Heritage Commission, the following report outlines the activities and initiatives undertaken by the City Archives since the last CHC meeting:

- We have completed the task of creating a current index of all Council minutes and reports, entirely searchable online. Full-text versions of more than 80% of the documents are available to view, with more being added each day.

Among these records are some of the oldest known surviving records created by the Corporation of Burnaby. Now that these records and all actions of Council since are available electronically, anyone with access to a computer can gain a unique window into the actions, decisions and events that transpired from Burnaby's earliest years and the workings of some of Burnaby's first Mayors and City Council members, through to present day Mayor and Council.

The City Archives has been working all year to provide direct access to all open Council Records through the Heritage Burnaby website and we are excited to see the progress made on this timesaving initiative.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Archivist