

Commission Agenda
Date.....2017 Oct 18
Correspondence.....(c)

2017 September 20th

Dear Parks Commissions Chair,

I am writing you today to request a reduction of rental fees for the Pacific Spirit Quilters' Guild. The guild is one of the Burnaby Village Museum's long standing community groups and has donated much time and knowledge to the museum's programs and events by setting up demonstrations and activities for the museum's visitors for over 10 years. We continue to enrich the site with our quilting, spinning, sewing, and children's activities and are a vital part of the Victoria Day, Canada Day and Labour Day events.

Our guild members meet monthly to support each other, hone our skills and, as part of our commitment to community service, make "comfort quilts" for Burnaby Family Life and St. Michael's seniors, as well as preemie and baby quilts for Burnaby General and Royal Columbian Hospitals' Neo-natal units. The Pacific Spirit Quilters do not only enrich the lives of the museum visitors but also supports the larger Burnaby community through quilting initiatives with seniors at Edmonds Community Centre and by working with mothers from Maywood school, where we provide sewing machines and material to teach the mothers how to sew and quilt for their families.

We have previously used the Burnaby Village Museum's Discovery Room for our meetings but are having difficulty paying the current rental fee. A reduction of 10 to 15% would allow us to continue to meet at the Burnaby Village Museum.

I hope that you will consider this request as it will provide us with an opportunity to continue our work at a site that we love.

Thank you for you time and consideration.

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NOTE A report will be prepared for the next Commission meeting.
