

## COMMISSION REPORT

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**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE  
COMMISSION

**FROM:** DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION &  
CULTURAL SERVICES

**SUBJECT: BC HERITAGE EMERGENCY RESPONSE NETWORK**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** approval be granted for the Burnaby Village Museum to join the BC Heritage Emergency Response Network.
2. **THAT** the Director of the Museum of Anthropology be so advised.

**REPORT**

Correspondence was received from Professor Anthony Shelton, Director, Museum of Anthropology at the July 19, 2017 PRCC meeting, inviting the Burnaby Village Museum to formally sign an agreement to participate in a BC Heritage Emergency Response Network. This Statement of Cooperation would allow for a quick response between BC's largest arts and culture institutions in the event of a localized emergency.

The BC Heritage Emergency Response Network was conceived by conservators at the Museum of Anthropology, Royal BC Museum and the Burnaby Village Museum having realized the limitations of long distance help in the case of a localized emergency. In order to minimize the potential damage created by an event, such as a flood, they seek to formalize an intra-provincial collections salvage response network. This would allow for the deployment of staff of the participating partners to offer assistance to the institution undergoing the emergency. They have already received federal funding in the form of a Museum Assistance Program grant that provided a training workshop and the ability to purchase supplies to build two mobile salvage kits.

The proposed agreement would allow resources to be deployed quickly when needed and minimize damage to collections. The Network is intended to supplement and enhance the assistance that may be available through the Canadian Conservation Institute and is intended as a high level response.

As the Statement of Cooperation does not itself establish any legally binding obligations, financial or otherwise, it is recommended that the Statement of Cooperation

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be signed so that the Burnaby Village Museum can formally join the Network and receive the benefits that such a group could provide in the event of an emergency in Burnaby.

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Dave Ellenwood  
DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

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