

Human Rights Park

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Human Rights Park Society
Celebrating Human Rights achievements through art and nature. Our vision is to create a place of commemoration and reflection about Human Rights Challenges & Human Rights Achievements

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Kathryn Matts,
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Chair and Members of the Commission,

Subject: Human Rights Park

This is to respectfully request that the Human Rights Park Society appear as a delegation at a meeting of the Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission.

Our representatives will be explaining the vision, mission and activities of the Human Rights Park Society. Our Society was formed to develop a park that will serve as an international cultural tourism destination focused on our mission to promote human rights education and awareness.

The Society wishes to develop a sculpture park featuring international works of art that reflect human rights challenges and achievements. An outdoor counterpart of the Human Rights Museum in Winnipeg, the Human Rights Park will feature the work of prominent artists supported by sponsor agencies and donors from around the world.

Imagine strolling into an open meadow with shimmering water as a backdrop. Meaningful sculptures blend into the landscape. Kids climb on experiential art pieces. Imagine walking along a forest trail to discover clearings where sculptures are nestled among tall trees; interpretation panels tell stories of human sacrifice, freedom withheld, freedom regained and families joyfully reunited; a bench in the shade invites pause and reflection. Imagine more compassionate citizens enlightened by an emotional Human Rights Park experience.

The Human Rights Park Society is currently comparing potential locations based on available amenities and the following key criteria: meadow, forest, water and vista. Of all the parks considered in the Metro Vancouver region so far, Barnet Marine Park stands out as near ideal.

Commission Agenda

Date.....2017 Nov 15

Delegation(b)

Our delegation will be sharing information about our research to date and the process we are engaged in to develop a Human Right Park concept plan. We will be requesting the opportunity to discuss our preliminary ideas further with Burnaby planners and staff.

We also wish to invite the Commission to comment and stay involved as we undertake, at our own expense, a more detailed site assessment and concept plan.

In a world struggling with inequality, isolation and divisive forces, nature pulls people together. In a world still afflicted with wars and protracted conflicts, art invites quiet reflection to help all of us grasp the profound value of Human Rights. Our proposal is to develop the world's first park designed to celebrate Human Rights through art and nature.

We respectfully invite Burnaby Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission to be part of our exciting project as we search for the most appropriate location for a Human Rights Park in the Metro Vancouver region.

Sincerely,

Fred Soofi, Founding Chair, Gaetan Royer, Founding Director

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