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Planning and Development Committee  
City of Burnaby  
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A report was submitted by the Financial Management Committee to Council 2017 July 10. Council approved the donation of nine surplus bicycles (value of \$225) to Burnaby Neighbourhood House.

Dear Ms. Jordan and Committee Members,

In June of this year, the City of Burnaby generously donated a 24 person Hub Cycle bike course to the Burnaby Neighbourhood House for distribution to low income newcomers. During the same time frame, the Heights Neighbourhood Association was beginning their campaign to recycle used and refurbished bicycles to community members. A wonderful partnership began!

Bikes donated by the City of Burnaby, augmented with those donated by community members, allowed twenty two new immigrants, over half children, to receive reconditioned bicycles. A Neighbourhood Small Grant provided funds for bicycle parts and a cable lock for each of the eight participating families. Participants were very excited to receive these bicycles, which for some became their main form of transportation.

Twenty one people attended two, 2 hour cycling education sessions provided by HUB. Cycling skills, rules of the road, cycling safety, bike routes and basic bike maintenance were covered. It was very exciting to watch children who initially couldn't ride, riding comfortably by the end. After a four kilometer ride, parents told the instructors they now felt comfortable undertaking cycling expeditions with their children.

On behalf of the Heights Neighbourhood Association and North Burnaby Neighbourhood House, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to the City of Burnaby for sponsoring the cycling education course and donating nine adult bicycles for this very worthwhile endeavor.

Thanks again for your support.

Sincerely,

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