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To: Mayor Mike Hurley <mayor@burnaby.ca>
Cc: Councillor Joe Keithley <Joe.Keithley@burnaby.ca>
Subject: NWEF - Brunette River Projects - Requesting info on Grant Application Process to City of Burnaby

Your Worship Mayor Hurley

My name is Vic Leach and I am with New Westminster Environmental Partners. We are working on a variety of Brunette River Projects to increase awareness of this important natural resource that connects from Vancouver through Burnaby to Coquitlam/New Westminster as it goes into the Fraser. We are seeking funding from the City of Burnaby and Councillor Keithley suggested that I ask you to determine the appropriate process. We are hoping that the City of Burnaby may be able to match the \$3,000. grant provided by City of New Westminster.

The projects include 1.) a survey; 2.) paintings and photography by local artists; 3.) stories and poems by local writers and poets; 4.) articles in local newspapers; and 5.) radio podcasts. (4. and 5. are on specific topics - see attached.) Our goal is to have an average of 1 newspaper article and 1 podcast per month over 2 years , with 7-8 articles and podcasts for this year. Next year we would like to continue to develop interest with another 12 articles and 12 podcasts to increase awareness of the Brunette.

You may not know that the Brunette River was declared "dead" in 1969 due to pollutants and through the efforts of Sapperton Fish and Game Club with federal gov't support life began to re-emerge with salmon able to spawn again beginning in 1983. For many years other groups have also taken up this cause.

Mr. Chris Campbell, editor of Burnaby Now/NW Record, has expressed a strong interest in supporting this project along with some artists who will be going out to get some of their ideas in April.

I look forward to hearing from you. Sincerely, Vic Leach, NWEF Brunette River Projects Coordinator [REDACTED]

Brunette River Projects

We can canoe the Brunette River. Almost to Burnaby Lake from Fraser River with perhaps up to 4 people. Depends on season - Generally from late fall through to late spring and perhaps, even early summer.

1. **Brunette River Survey** - check with various places to determine who knows where BR located.
2. **Brunette River Artists Show** - Massey Theatre Plaskett Gallery Mar. 2020 - acrylic, water colour, oils, photography - possibilities - seasons, trees, animals, fish, birds, shorelines, Century House Artists (NW) - _____
Century House Artists (NW) - Mariette Leppert, Co-Chair
Garden Gals (NW) - Susan Tamkin
Burnaby - Burnaby Artists? - Jim Keayes, Pres. T: _____
Coquitlam -
Indigenous -
Schools -
3. **Brunette River Books** - possibly historical, children's, mystery, fish, plants, lost streams, geographical, wild animals, Indigenous, comparison to other Fraser River tributaries
RC Literary Arts Soc. (NW) - Alan Hill - Pres.
Burnaby -
Coquitlam -
Indigenous
Schools
4. **Articles for media** - print newspaper (local or regional) or magazines or electronic media (tv/radio)
5. **Podcasts** -
Possible topics for 4. & 5.
 - a. **Fish** - Fish & their life cycle - pink, chum, coho, steelhead, rainbow trout, other
 - b. **Birds** - crows, pigeons, robins, sparrows, starlings, eagles?, falcons?, other
 - c. **Trees & bushes** - various types along length of river - does it change over length?
 - d. **Indigenous** - ceremonial meeting place at mouth of Brunette River? Indigenous name of river?
 - e. **Grasses & mosses** - various types along length of river - does it change over length?
 - f. **Insects** - types of flying, ground and tree insects their life cycle & importance to river
 - g. **Reptiles & amphibians** - snakes, salamanders, frogs, toads, turtles, other - their life cycle
 - h. **Tributaries** that feed into Brunette - including creeks, streams, other? - their value to BRvr
 - i. **Geography & geological** - formation of Brunette over time - location
 - j. **Wild animals** - beavers, coyotes, raccoons, squirrels, bears, skunks, others
 - k. **Invasive species** - Look at plants, animals, fish, birds, insects - that is changing in past 50 yrs.
 - l. **Water Quality** - How is it to be rated - pH balance, pollution, toxicity, nanoplastics - who can test and how relevant is this? What water quality in another river should this be compared?
 - m. **Water temperature** - How is it to be rated - does it change with the season? What part does snowfall have to do with this? What about trees on open areas around Deer Lake and Burnaby Lake compared with 50 - 100 years ago? Does fewer trees compared to the past around lake and river warm the waters throughout the year?
 - n. **Drains** - storm drains into Brunette from origins to Fraser River - any sewage from Bby &/or NW
 - o. **Food Chain** - Of all creatures from creek > lakes > Brunette > Fraser > Salish Sea > Pacific
 - p. **Types of fines/regulations** - municipal, provincial, federal - small to large & how to begin
 - q. **Sapperton Fish & Game Club** - bringing Brunette River back from "dead" 50 yrs. 1969 > present
 - r. **Eco system value** - How does Brunette Rvr & other small rivers like it factor into larger eco system
 - s. **Soil erosion & construction on banks of tributaries** - what is effect upon Brunette R.
 - t. **Recreation** - what recreational events happen - boating, canoes, picnics, swimming, fishing, other
 - u. **Cariboo Dam** - when, why and value of this to the Brunette R.
 - v. **Protecting Brunette** - value of local groups to follow up if they see a problem - whom to call.
 - w. **Fines & Violations** - types of fines possible and amounts - types of legislation.
 - x. **Other Local Groups** - Schools, Universities, Int'l, National, Provincial/State, Regional, Local.