
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

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SUBJECT: CITY OF BURNABY ARCHIVES – UPDATE

For the information of the Chair and Members of the Community Heritage Commission, the following report outlines the activities and initiatives undertaken by the City Archives since the last CHC meeting:

- The City Archives has now completed the work of providing high resolution JPEGs (access copies) online for over 2,700 photographs without privacy or copyright restrictions.

The 900 photographs from the first phase are part of the Burnaby Historical Society (BHS) photograph collection. The Archives began with the unrestricted photographs that are part of the BHS photograph collection due to their frequent requests for use as well as the positive and profound impact that this Society has had on the City of Burnaby and its citizens.

The 1,000 photographs from the second phase are part of the Peers Family and Hill Family fonds or the Hill family and Vidal family fonds. The extensive family photographs included in these fonds depict daily life, landscapes, and local events in the Lower Mainland, and primarily feature Burnaby's Deer Lake in the early 20th century.

The third phase involved nearly 800 unrestricted photographs from the City of Burnaby Archives series Pioneer Tales, Burnaby Image Bank, and Burnaby Centennial Anthology.

The Pioneer Tales and Burnaby Centennial Anthology series consist of photographs used in the City of Burnaby publications *Pioneer Tales of Burnaby* (1987), which documented senior residents' personal experiences and stories of "pioneer" life in Burnaby, and *Burnaby Centennial Anthology: Stories of Early Burnaby* (1994). The *Centennial Anthology* published a selection of the anecdotes, photographs, and other memorabilia that the City of Burnaby Centennial Committee received following a call for submissions in 1992. The Burnaby Image Bank series consists of photographs collected by Simon Fraser University Archives staff in 1991 to celebrate the Centennial of the City of Burnaby. The Burnaby

Image Bank was originally made available for public purchase and viewing on VHS; the City of Burnaby Archives now holds the photographs used for the production of this project. In addition, this third phase includes unrestricted photographs used in the City of Burnaby CHC's Burna-Boom Oral History Project.

Now that this project is complete, more than 2,700 photographs now have high resolution access copies freely available for viewing and downloading on Heritage Burnaby.

Respectfully submitted,



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