

NOTICE OF MOTION
2019 MAY 27

Rainbow Crosswalks

WHEREAS walking and safe pedestrian travel has long been a valued aspect of life by all Burnaby citizens, often identified as the favourite recreational activity; and

WHEREAS Burnaby has a strong extensive tradition of ensuring safe intersections with a clear focus on safety, through safety features such as crosswalks, lighting and other technologies; and

WHEREAS in 2017, a study undertaken by the **Canadian Community Health Survey** and the **BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS** estimated that the LGBTQ population in our neighbouring City of Vancouver to be up to 40,000+ in an environment where not everyone is willing or able to declare; and

WHEREAS proportionally comparable populations of LGBTQ are believed to exist in neighbouring metro communities; and

WHEREAS the City of Burnaby is expected to celebrate its second annual Pride celebration during the 2019; and

WHEREAS the City painted a rainbow crosswalk on Jubilee Avenue in 2018, a street slated to eventually close, as an interim measure to commemorate the City's first Pride event; and

WHEREAS for over 25 years the City of Burnaby has allocated casino revenues to one-time projects such as safety and the environment requiring no operating costs, saving taxpayers on their tax bills; and

WHEREAS both the concepts of ensuring pedestrian safety and citizen inclusion are consistent with the City's Strategic Plan and its core values of Community, Integrity, Respect, Innovation and Passion;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Burnaby Council request that staff identify **four high profile intersections**, one per quadrant, for the eventual painting of rainbow crosswalks in each Burnaby town centre; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff strive to identify and paint the first of the four crosswalks prior to the 2019 Pride celebration in August; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff, in consultation with the Financial Management Committee, consider allocating casino funding to this project in order to avoid an impact on the Burnaby taxpayers.

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