
TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

DATE: 2019 May 27

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

FILE: 79100 08
Reference: Heritage Creek Naming Project

SUBJECT: WATERWAYS OF BURNABY MAP

PURPOSE: To authorize the production of an updated Waterways of Burnaby map.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council approve the update and unveiling of the revised Waterways of Burnaby Map, as outlined in this report.
2. **THAT** an allocation of up to \$7,000 be authorized for expenditure from the 2019 Boards, Committees and Council budget.
3. **THAT** Council send a copy of this report to the Environment and Social Planning Committee for their information.

REPORT**1.0 BACKGROUND**

The first Waterways of Burnaby Map with named waterways was created as part Burnaby's Heritage Creek Name Project that began in 1993. The project was a joint effort of the Community Heritage Commission and the former Environment and Waste Management Committee and requested the public's assistance in identifying historic and community names of the City's extensive network of watercourses. The production of the map provided a common understanding of each creek's unique drainage course and identity, which furthered the City's goal of waterway preservation and enhancement. The project was completed in 1998 with the official names of 46 creeks adopted by Council and incorporated into the City's mapping systems and poster sized waterways maps.

A second phase of the naming project was completed in 2012 with Council approving names for an additional 38 waterways, including seasonal creeks and other drainage channels that support fish and wildlife. An updated Waterways of Burnaby map was created and Council approved expenditure from the budget of the Community Heritage Commission to produce poster sized maps for distribution to the public as part of the City's environmental stewardship programs, including Environment Week and World Rivers Day.

The original 'Waterways of Burnaby' map poster was first unveiled to the public at World Rivers Day 2012. An electronic PDF version is viewable at: www.burnaby.ca/waterways. The 2012 version of the map has been in circulation ever since and staff have observed firsthand how well the maps have been received by the public over the past seven years, helping residents of Burnaby connect with the waterways in their community.

2.0 POLICY FRAMEWORK

The Waterways of Burnaby map and its use in various City environmental stewardship programs aligns with the following goals and sub-goals of the Corporate Strategic Plan:

- **A Connected Community**
 - Partnership - Work collaboratively with businesses, educational institutions, associations, other communities, and governments.
- **A Healthy Community**
 - Healthy environment - Enhance our environmental health, resilience, and sustainability.
 - Lifelong learning - Improve upon and develop programs and services that enable ongoing learning.
 - Community involvement - Encourage residents and businesses to give back to and invest in the community.

3.0 PROPOSED UPDATES TO THE WATERWAYS OF BURNABY MAP POSTER

Staff reviewed the Waterways of Burnaby map poster earlier this year and discovered supplies were low more copies would be needed for World Rivers Day in September. The review found that no new significant waterways have been documented since 2012 and therefore, adding new waterways and names to the map is not required. However, the review also found that some information should be revised and updated before undertaking a new print run.

The proposed minor changes include:

- The current names of Mayor and Council will be added.
- The name of the 'Environment Committee' will be updated to 'Environment and Social Planning Committee'.
- Text in 'Protecting Our Natural Heritage', 'Protecting Our Waterways' and 'Burnaby's Streamkeeper Program' will be revised and updated as required for space and design requirements.
- The section entitled 'Burnaby's Riparian Protection Program' is changed to 'Community Development and Ecosystem Protection' and the text is revised to be

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consistent with the City's current policies and practices for protecting and enhancing streamside areas.

Creating a 2019 version of the map poster is also an opportunity to refresh the graphic design and presentation of the waterways network on the front side of the poster. Similar to how the 2012 version of the map built upon but looked different than previous versions, it is envisioned the 2019 version will build upon the best attributes of the 2012 version while also revised to look unique and new.

It is proposed that the new version of the map be unveiled to the public at the City's World Rivers Day event, Burnaby Village Museum, on 2019 September 22.

4.0 FINANCING

The cost of printing the Waterways of Burnaby poster map is estimated at \$7,000. Sufficient funds to undertake this project are available in the 2019 Boards, Committee and Council budget.

5.0 CONCLUSION

Since 1993, the Waterways of Burnaby map has contributed in a significant and meaningful way to encouraging stewardship and raising awareness of the environmental and historical significance of our waterways. As outlined in this report, staff propose to create an updated version of this map for unveiling at World Rivers Day at the Burnaby Village Museum on 2019 September 22 and to print sufficient quantities of the poster sized map for the event and for use as part of ongoing environmental stewardship initiatives.



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