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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE
COMMISSION

DATE: 2019 SEPTEMBER 10

FROM: DEPUTY CITY CLERK

FILE: 02410-20

SUBJECT: ACCESSIBLE WASHROOMS
NEW BUSINESS, COUNCIL 2019 SEPTEMBER 09

Under the New Business portion of the Open Council meeting held on 2019 September 09, Council referred to Item P of the Council Correspondence Package received up to 2019 July 25 from Joanne Reid regarding accessible washrooms and change tables for adults, originally referred to the Environment and Social Planning Committee.

Arising from discussion, Council **REFERRED** the item to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission.

A blue ink signature of Blanka Zeinabova, written in a cursive style.

Blanka Zeinabova
Deputy City Clerk

Copied to: Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
Director Finance

July 3, 2019

Dear Mayor and Council,

Recently I heard a young girl named Lucy Diaz speaking on CBC radio about how hard it is for her 10 year old sister Amy, to get out of the house and have a normal child's life as Amy has cerebral palsy and is wheelchair bound. There are no accessible washrooms where change tables are large enough to hold her growing body where she can get her diaper changed. Instead, if the family goes out they have to lay Amy on the floor to change her. If this is true for a child of 10, what do adults, who are wheelchair bound have to go through? I can think of nothing more disgusting than to have to lay on a public bathroom floor while someone would have to kneel on the floor to assist with the work.

Lucy has researched Accessible washrooms and apparently since 2006 the United Kingdom has become a leader in creating accessible washrooms, called "Changing Places" that include height adjusting tables complete with power hoists.

I request that Burnaby council consider adapting washrooms at Heritage Village, Shadbolt Centre and Barnet Marine Park so that people with disabilities that need these adapted washrooms will be able to enjoy these places like everyone else does. Eventually, I hope you will consider adapting washrooms in all Recreation centres and swimming pools in our fair city.

Sincerely,



Joanne Reid

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Burnaby, B.C.

Referred to:

Environment and Social Planning Committee (2019.09.03)

Copied to:

City Manager

Dir. Corporate Services

Dir. Planning and Building

Dir. Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

