



## INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

DATE: 2019 November 18

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

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*Reference: Heritage*

**SUBJECT: PACIFIC NORTHWEST LABOUR HISTORY ASSOCIATION  
CONFERENCE, 2020 MAY 09-10**

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In response to correspondence to the Community Heritage Commission from the BC Labour Heritage Centre (received 2019 November 06 and **attached**), this memorandum outlines a proposed program for the Pacific Northwest Labour History Association Conference.

The conference will be held in Vancouver on 2020 May 09 and 10. The City of Burnaby has been encouraged by conference organizers to submit a proposal. The City's recent research on the history of protest and political resistance by unions, working people, and Indigenous peoples in Burnaby was noted in the letter, and suggested as a potential topic. The deadline for submissions is 2019 December 02. Conference materials note that interactive sessions are preferred.

Recent research and program development undertaken in support of the *Burnaby 125 Heritage Marker program* and the *Neighbourhood History Series* could be re-purposed for presentation at this event.

A 90-minute session could include:

- *Songs and Sites of Resistance*: this portion of the presentation would reprise the lecture and performance created for the Neighbourhood History Series in October, 2019 by the City's heritage planner and the Solidarity Notes Choir. The presentation features historic labour history songs sung by the choir, interspersed with short presentations about historical events in Burnaby related to the content of the songs.
- *William Prichard in Burnaby*: this portion of the presentation would be presented by staff and volunteers from the Burnaby Village Museum, who have conducted extensive research on the history of Burnaby Freeman William (Bill) Pritchard in Burnaby, and community activism in Burnaby in the 1930s. The presentation would include demonstrating how the City of Burnaby has made this research accessible to the community through a Burnaby 125 heritage plaque at the Tommy Douglas Library, and a short video vignette available through the Heritage Burnaby website.

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With direction from the CHC, staff will prepare and submit a conference proposal as outlined above, and prepare a report for the January CHC meeting with recommendations for formal support of the proposal by Council.



E.W. Kozak, Director  
PLANNING AND BUILDING

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**Attachment**

November 6, 2019

Colleen Jordan, Chair  
and Members of the Community Heritage Commission  
City of Burnaby  
4949 Canada Way  
Burnaby BC V5G 1M2

EMAIL: [Clerks@burnaby.ca](mailto:Clerks@burnaby.ca)

Dear friends:

**Re: Pacific Northwest Labour History Association  
52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference – May 9-10, 2020, Vancouver**

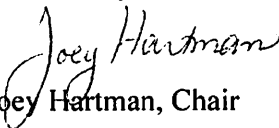
Attached is a call for proposals for the above conference.

We are aware that the City of Burnaby has undertaken recent research on topics that could be of interest to conference attendees and has offered presentations on the history of protest and political resistance by unions, working people, and Indigenous peoples in Burnaby.

We strongly encourage the Community Heritage Commission support the event by initiating a proposal to highlight Burnaby's history as part of the conference program.

The deadline for submitting proposals is **December 2, 2019**. Please contact us if you require any additional information.

In solidarity,



Joey Hartman, Chair

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52nd Annual Conference of the Pacific Northwest Labour History Association with the BC Labour Heritage Centre and the SFU Labour Studies Program

## Three centuries of migration to the Pacific Northwest

The impact on Indigenous economies and successive waves of labour

**CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS AND DISPLAYS**

Indigenous peoples in the lands now known as the Pacific Northwest enjoyed strong and diverse relations of trade and exchange before contact with Europeans. Despite the vital role of Indigenous workers in early resource industries, ongoing colonization and commercialization eventually resulted in the systematic exclusion of First Nations from fishing, logging, trapping and other economic activity on their lands.

Immigration enabled these processes, but was also highly stratified. This conference will examine the methods and impacts of those measures, and how successive waves of migrants have been received through a lens of labour history, racism & exclusion, reconciliation and new forms of organizing.

**Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:**

- First Nation economies – then and now
- Why they came – opportunities and broken promises
- Exclusion and attraction – political determinations around immigration and refugees
- The role of organized labour in giving welcome or advocating exclusion, and advancing equity
- Continued racism and discrimination – Farm workers, domestic workers, temporary foreign workers
- Reconciliation and de-colonization
- The connection between attacks on unions and precarious work
- Music, theatre, poetry, film, memorabilia and visual arts

We invite proposals for panels, individual presentations, academic research, workshops and other forms of presentation. Interactive sessions are preferred, and the reading of papers is discouraged.

Please send a short (1–2 page) proposal to Joey Hartman at [joeyhartman@shaw.ca](mailto:joeyhartman@shaw.ca)

- Summary of your workshop or presentation
- Anticipated duration (typically 30, 60 or 90 minutes)
- Presenter(s) name(s) and contact information, plus a short bio and vitae of presenter(s)
- Audio/Visual requirements

**DEADLINE: December 2, 2019**

We will respond by January 10, 2020

**For more information:**

[joeyhartman@shaw.ca](mailto:joeyhartman@shaw.ca) | (778) 870-0703

**CONFERENCE DATES:**

**May 8–10, 2020 (Friday–Sunday)**

**SFU Vancouver Campus**

**Harbour Centre**

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