



Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
Burnaby Village Museum

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION DATE: 2019 November 28

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SUBJECT: BURNABY VILLAGE MUSEUM UPDATES

The *Indigenous History in Burnaby Resource Guide* was launched by the BVM this fall. This guide provides an overview of hə́nqəmínəm and Skwxwú7mesh history in Burnaby from the time of the ancestors to the present day. This document was developed in collaboration with a number of First Nations partners over the course of several years. The Resource Guide has been used by 500 Burnaby students and their teachers to support their experience attending an Indigenous Learning Week hosted at the BVM in partnership with the School District. Printed copies are being distributed to all 49 elementary and secondary school libraries in Burnaby and the Burnaby Public Library will have printed copies in their collection at all four branches. A free downloadable version can be found on the BVMs website:

<http://www.burnabyvillagemuseum.ca/assets/Documents/Teachers~Guides/Indigenous%20History%20in%20Burnaby%20Resouce%20Guide.pdf>

The Christmas season presented by Concord Pacific, will run this year from November 23, 2019 to January 3, 2020. The official launch of Heritage Christmas will take place at the “Bright in Burnaby” event November 30th with a special Tree Lighting Ceremony. The City of Burnaby donates the proceeds of all carousel tickets sales made between 5-9pm to the Burnaby Christmas Bureau, with Concord Pacific matching sales to double the donation total. Once again, installations of lights and lit decorations on trees and buildings are featured throughout the Village, as well as vintage Christmas displays inside the exhibit buildings. A popular new addition this year is the addition of lights on the iconic Bandstand which will provide a wonderful family photo opportunity. Several eco-sculpture displays are again provided by Parks Design, including bears wearing festive sweaters, a group of frogs and dancing ladies at Elworth. Christmas entertainment will include Father Christmas, carolers, street musicians, and theatre performances with a total of approximately 300 performances.

Respectfully submitted,

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