

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

SUBJECT: GURU NANAK COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council approve the installation of a commemorative plaque within the City Hall plaza in recognition of the 550th anniversary of the birth of Guru Nanak, as shown on the attachment.
2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Mr. Satnam Johal.

REPORT**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The Executive Committee of Council, at its meeting held on 2020 October 07, adopted a resolution to seek Council authorization for the design and installation of a commemorative plaque recognizing the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak.

2.0 POLICY SECTION

The installation of a commemorative plaque aligns with the Corporate Strategic Plan by supporting the following goals and sub-goals of the Plan:

- A Connected Community
 - Social connection – Enhance social connections throughout Burnaby
- An Inclusive Community
 - Celebrate diversity – Create more opportunities for the community to celebrate diversity
 - Serve a diverse community – Ensure City services fully meet the needs of our dynamic community
 - Create a sense of community – Provide opportunities that encourage and welcome all community members and create a sense of belonging

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3.0 BACKGROUND

On 2019 December 04, Executive Committee of Council heard a delegation regarding commemorating the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Sahib. The delegation requested that a plaque be posted at a location in the City in honour of Guru Nanak.

Guru Nanak is considered the founder of Sikhism, the world's fifth largest monotheistic religion with 28 million Sikhs around the globe. Born in 1469 A.D. in the Punjab, India, Guru Nanak dedicated his entire life to advocating for social justice, equality, unity and volunteerism.

The plaque installation consists of two identical side by side plaques, one in Punjabi and one in English, containing the following wording:

“Commemorating the Life of a Visionary
Guru Nanak Sahib
1469 - 1539

City of Burnaby is pleased to join the Sikh community worldwide in commemorating the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak who was born in 1469, in the village of Talwandi (Nankana Sahib), Punjab, India, which is now a part of Pakistan.

Guru Nanak travelled extensively throughout the Indian subcontinent and some parts of Eurasia to dialogue with the religious leaders and the powerful elites of dispersed and diverse lands about the injustice and harm caused by many of the inhumane dogmas that were firmly embedded in the social fabric of the society of the day.

Guru Nanak dedicated his entire life to advocating for social justice, equality, unity and volunteerism (Sewa). He spoke against female oppression condemning rules that were degrading and dehumanizing to women. He emphasized the importance of leading an unselfish, compassionate and altruistic life. Guru Nanak truly practiced what he preached.

Guru Nanak was a pioneer of human rights, religious freedom and peaceful coexistence. His teachings are enshrined in Sri Guru Granth Sahib (the sacred scripture of Sikhs).

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4.0 CONCLUSION

The Executive Committee of Council supports the request for a commemorative plaque honouring the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Sahib, and recommends installation of the plaque in the City Hall plaza.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Dhaliwal
Chair

Mayor M. Hurley
Vice Chair

Copied to: City Manager Director Corporate Services Director Finance Director Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director Planning & Building Executive Assistant to the Mayor
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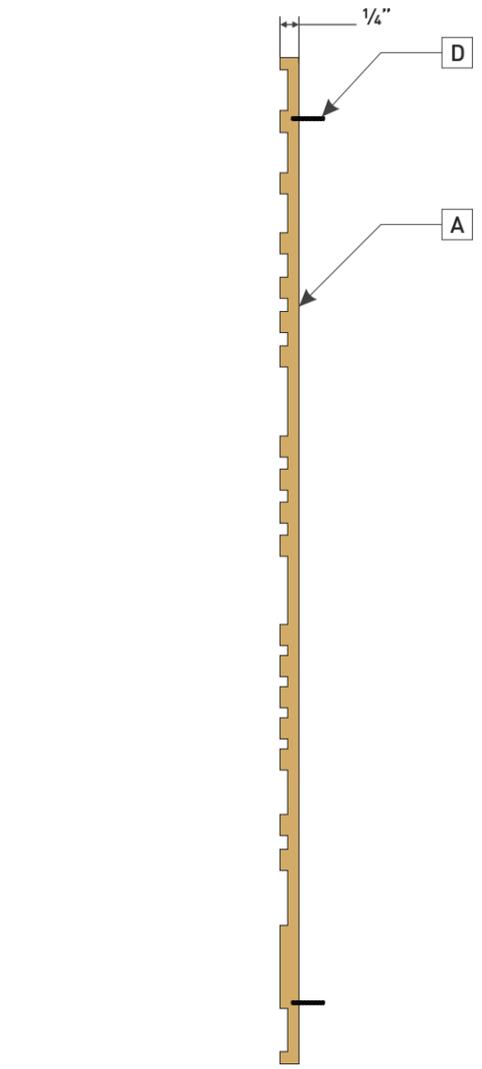
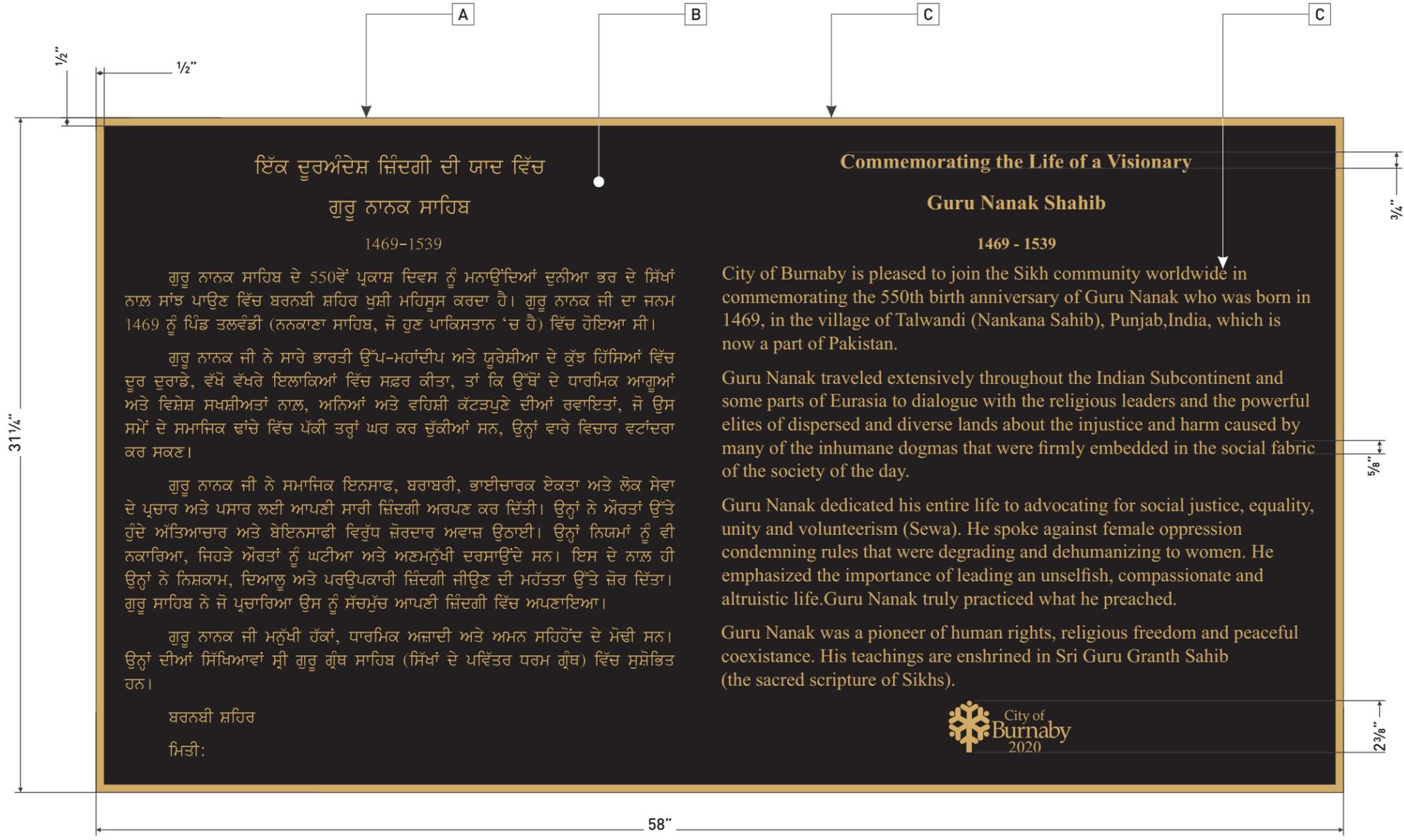
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