



October 20th, 2020

Office of the City Clerk
4949 Canada Way
Burnaby, BC
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Re: Delegation Request – December 2020

To Executive Committee of Council,

The City of Burnaby has been incredibly supportive over the years in providing both financial and staff resources to assist with Burnaby Pride as we build our capacity and serve our community. We wish to appear as a delegation before the Committee to present about the impact and importance of Burnaby Pride in the local community, especially during COVID-19. Burnaby Pride will be represented at the Committee meeting by Heather McCain (Chair) with the support of City of Burnaby staff members Lois Dawson (Cultural Services) and Rebekah Mahaffey (Planning). Heather can be reached at info@BurnabyPride.com or by phone at 604-437-7331. Thank you for taking the time to review our request. We look forward to hearing from you

Burnaby Pride is a collaborative community project that held our third annual Pride event in 2020. Burnaby Pride has garnered overwhelming support from a number of agencies and organizations based in Burnaby and the surrounding communities. The Burnaby Pride Planning Committee has worked to prioritize local partnerships, support, and participation in order to make this event authentically 'Burnaby'.

In hosting Burnaby Pride, we are working to:

- Create a safer space where LGBTQ2SIA+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, two-spirit, intersex, asexual/aromantic, plus) individuals, youth, and families can foster meaningful connections and strengthen the sense of LGBTQ2SIA+ community in Burnaby;
- Promote LGBTQ2SIA+ visibility and provide opportunities for education, compassion-building, and greater understanding & awareness of ourselves and others;
- Showcase and celebrate the diversity of identities and experiences within the LGBTQ2SIA+ community; and
- Share information regarding community services, resources, and supports for the LGBTQ2SIA+ community in Burnaby and surrounding communities.

This year, the organizing committee had to pivot to create an online event due to COVID. Out of crisis comes opportunity and Burnaby Pride proudly held two online events, one for families and one for general population. We were fortunate to maintain our funding from Pacific Blue Cross. We also received a donation from the Burnaby Teachers Association and a grant from the Vancouver Pride Society.

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Heather McCain
Chair, Burnaby Pride