

January 25, 2021

Mayor & Council
City of Burnaby
4949 Canada Way
Burnaby, BC V5G 1M2

RE: 2021-2023 Permissive Tax Exemption

Mayor Hurley and Councilors,

I am writing to thank you for your support of individuals and families with Down syndrome in Burnaby through your recent granting of a property tax exemption for DSRF. While property taxes are a common expense for organizations, they lessen the amount of funds we can direct to our programs and services, and so the city's tax exemption initiative makes a significant difference. By helping reduce DSRF's administrative costs, you directly support the critical education and therapy programs we provide. In the current pandemic, these programs are even more essential and valued by families.

As a charitable organization, our work simply would not be possible without the partnerships we forge with others. As we are based in Burnaby, we are especially proud of our strong partnership with the city and its resulting community benefit.

On behalf DSRF's Board of Directors, staff, and families, please accept my sincere appreciation for your commitment to our community.

Yours sincerely,



Wayne Leslie
Chief Executive Officer