



Planning and Building Department

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

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Reference: Environment Week

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENT WEEK PROGRAM UPDATE

This memo provides the Environment Committee with information about the upcoming 2021 Environment Week Program scheduled from May 30 to June 5.

The broad goal of Environment Week is to promote environmental awareness and stewardship as well as to recognize Burnaby's ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability and support for community based-stewardship initiatives. The activities, events and outreach campaigns included in the 2021 Environment Week Program align with this goal. Event details, activity registration and communication information will be available on the City of Burnaby website on the Environment Week webpage (www.burnaby.ca/environmentweek).

Following an increase in COVID-19 cases on 2021 March 25, the Public Health Office (PHO) strengthened province wide restrictions on gatherings. Planning Department staff organizing Environment Week are monitoring the ongoing COVID-19 situation and the changing restrictions to ensure compliance for the safety and protection of staff and the community. For this year, the Environment Week program has been planned to be adaptive and will be modified to align with the current distancing guidelines and public health regulations in place at the time of Environment Week.

Since the Environment Week program was approved by Council in March, some of the events have already been modified to align with the current restrictions. Bike to Work Week is now a virtual event that has been rebranded to Go By Bike. The Burnaby Eco-Centre Open House is cancelled. Additionally, the following events are currently pending with the decision on whether to go ahead with the events being determined by mid-May:

- Guided Canoe Trips on Deer Lake;
- Ecosystem Restoration event led by Lower Mainland Green Team; and,
- Guided Nature Walks at Deer Lake Park (Great Blue Heron Walk & Invasive Plants Walk).

Committee members may contact Teresa Friedel, Environmental Planner, at Teresa.Friedel@burnaby.ca with any questions about Environment Week.



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