

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL**

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: “CHRISTINE SINCLAIR COMMUNITY CENTRE” AT 3713 KENSINGTON  
AVENUE**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT Council receive this report for information.

**REPORT****1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Burnaby City Council, at its Closed meeting held on 2021 April 26, approved the renaming of the facility located at 3713 Kensington as the “Christine Sinclair Community Centre”. Council noted, opportunities to recognize Christine Sinclair’s many achievements in sport have been considered for some time, and they believe this facility meets that criteria.

**2.0 POLICY**

This dedication honours a Burnaby resident who has made tremendous contributions to Burnaby, and supports the following goals and sub-goals of the City’s Corporate Strategic Plan:

**Goals**

- 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
  - Enhance City workforce diversity –

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- Support a diversified City workforce by identifying barriers and implementing proactive strategies
- Create a sense of community –  
Provide opportunities that encourage and welcome all community members and create a sense of belonging
- A Healthy Community
  - Healthy life –  
Encourages opportunities for healthy living and well-being
  - Healthy environment –  
Enhance our environmental health, resilience and sustainability
  - Lifelong learning –  
Improve upon and develop programs and services that enable ongoing learning
  - Community involvement –  
Encourage residents and businesses to give back to and invest in the community

### **3.0 BACKGROUND**

Christine Sinclair started playing soccer and baseball in Burnaby at age 4, because her brother played and she wanted to do everything he did. She has had a lifelong dream of becoming the greatest soccer player in Canada since she was 6 years old. She graduated from the University of Portland in 2005 with a degree in Life Science, and received an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from Simon Fraser University in 2013.

Beginning as a 16-year-old youth from Burnaby, Christine has elevated Canada's profile on the international stage, leading the team in scoring for 16 years. She won the association's Female Player of the Year an incredible 14 times – carrying off the 2012 Lou Marsh Trophy as Canada's Top athlete after scorching opposing goalkeepers for 23 international goals in 22 games.

The past 10 years have been a showcase of dominance for Christine Sinclair. Standing one-goal away from the world record on the international scene, Christine is recognized as the "Player of the Decade" and the most successful soccer player to ever compete for Canada.

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A national team member since 2000, this Burnaby South alumna is the current Canadian captain with 184 career international goals, ranking her second all-time goal scorer and first among active players. In 2013, she was inducted into Canada's Walk of Fame.



"Christine Sinclair is a once-in-a-generation athlete that has been at the heart of Canadian sport for over 20 years. What she has accomplished in the past 10 years, has changed the sport forever in our country," Canada Soccer president Steven Reed said in a press release. "Christine is the Canada soccer player of the decade and unquestionably one of the greatest and most-loved athletes Canada has ever watched."

Over her career, Christine has played in 289 games for Canada, scored 10 times over 21 FIFA World Cup games, competed at three Olympic Games with 11 goals in 15 Olympic tournament games and winning back-to-back bronzes at London 2012 and Rio 2016.

Christine has been recognized as one of Canada's most public figures in the campaign to end Multiple Sclerosis (MS) through her outstanding support of the MS community. As a two-time Olympic medalist and Canadian women's soccer team captain she is supporting A&W's Burgers to Beat MS for the fourth consecutive year. This is in honour of her mother, Sandi, who was diagnosed with MS more than 30 years ago. As the campaign's spokesperson, Christine shared her story to help educate and rally Canadians to make a difference, raising much needed funds and awareness to help the MS Society of Canada in its goal towards achieving a world free of MS.



*Christine Sinclair, A&W Canada and the MS Society of Canada announce gold medal results for the first-ever take out Burgers to Beat MS Day. \$13 Million raised for Canadians living with multiple sclerosis.*

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In addition, Christine Sinclair has joined forces with the Canadian Women's Foundation to help raise funds and awareness for girls impacted by the pandemic. Isolation has exacerbated mental health issues, as have increased economic instability and the threat of violence at home. The Canadian Women's Foundation says local 'girl-focused' programs face growing challenges to stay open. Christine is a firm believer in fighting for youth and girls, with two nieces aged six and ten, the Canadian soccer star knows all too well the impact of the pandemic on today's youth.

#### **4.0 CONCLUSION**

Burnaby City Council approved the renaming of 3713 Kensington Avenue to the "Christine Sinclair Community Centre", in honour of her long-standing career through international soccer, as a representative of Canada on the world stage.

This report is provided for public information.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair

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Vice Chair

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