

TO: COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION (CHC)
FROM: GENERAL MANAGER PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE
SUBJECT: **BURNABY VILLAGE MUSEUM OPERATIONAL UPDATE**
PURPOSE: To provide the Commission with an update on the Burnaby Village Museum's operational activities.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report titled "Burnaby Village Museum Operational Update" dated November 9, 2023, be received for information.

1.0 POLICY SECTION

The work of the Burnaby Village Museum (BVM) is guided by the City's Strategic Plan.

2.0 BACKGROUND

This is an information report on some of the events and future programs of the BVM for the fall of 2023.

3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

Rooted: Chinese Canadian Stories in Burnaby

The Museum celebrated its newest coffee table book *Rooted: Chinese Canadian Stories in Burnaby* with a book launch on October 5, 2023. The launch was attended by over 100 community members in recognition of the publication's achievement, which features community oral histories, photographs and stories. The publication is now on sale at the Museum for \$39.95 in two languages: English/Simplified Chinese and English/Traditional Chinese. The book is also available to view for free online at HeritageBurnaby.ca. This was a collaborative project with the Community Heritage Commission.

Fall 2023 Neighbourhood Speaker Series

In support of the Museum's South Asian theme, this fall's Neighbourhood Speaker Series highlighted South Asian places of worship and community gathering. Architectural and educational tours of Burnaby's Hindu Temple, the Ismaili Center, and the Mosque al Salaam and Education Center were offered. Each event was well attended and generated much interest.

Haunted Village: Legends, Tales and Other Stories

Offering 8 evenings of family-friendly frightful fun and enjoyment, Legends, tales and stories are lifted from their storybook pages and transformed into visual displays throughout the Museum. Diverse tales from “The Monkey King” to “Sleeping Beauty”, as well as Indigenous stories like “Wild Woman of the Woods” and “Raven Stole the Moon” will be featured. On each visit, guests are invited to engage in a dance party on Hill Street, watch seasoned Vancouver Circus performances, and interact with roving Halloween characters and entertainers.

- Thursdays to Sundays: 5-9 p.m.
- October 19-22, October 26-29
- Entry ticket: adults \$10, children \$5

Heritage Christmas

This year, Heritage Christmas features ‘light’ as a design element presented across exhibit spaces and window displays as a way to bring to the fore the various holidays celebrated in winter, such as Chanukah, Diwali, Holi, and others. Eco sculptures, hanging lanterns, light tunnels, snowflakes, and exhibit specific interior and window displays adorn the site, enhancing the warmth and charm of the season. Patrons can visit Father Christmas, enjoy musical performances, interact with roving holiday characters, enjoy a craft and engage in the ‘light’ themed scavenger hunt over the 6 weeks Heritage Christmas this year.

- November 25 to January 5
- Nov. 28 – Dec 15 – 1-5:30 p.m.
- Dec 16 – Jan 5 and all weekends – 1-9 p.m.
- Entry: free

4.0 COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Not Applicable.

5.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

All activities noted in this report are covered by the BVM 2023 operating budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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