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Mayor & Council,

Hello, I have some information to pass along and an idea for you guys and the city of BBy to consider. A small bit of background and then some info on what's upcoming at (BCRTC) Skytrain. I grew up on Patterson Ave in South Burnaby and ultimately started working at Skytrain in Jan of 1994. After a 30 year career working between King George and Waterfront spending a lot of time working at the Bby stations Metrotown and Patterson I have now retired. So that's my own background with the system. Now some info on what's happening there. The original Mark 1 trains are scheduled to be retired and removed from service over the next 2 years. The new Mark 5s are currently being built and will be arriving one by one and put into service starting in January. As they come online the older trains will be removed from service more or less one for one and sent to the scrap yard. Once they're gone they're gone and I thought it would be a nice idea for Bby to somehow retain, keep and show off the original "Spirit of Burnaby" as the cars all had names back in the day representing different cities or areas decaled on them for many years. The Spirit of Burnaby was car #50 and it was permanently attached to vehicle #49 which was the Spirit of Castlegar. So when they start pulling the older Mark 1s off the line to be junked they will be taking them off (4 car trains) to be junked in no particular numbered order, so Burnaby's train could be the first removed or last one removed over the next 2 years starting in January 2025. So I was thinking that, now is the time to bring this up for your departments or councils consideration and then figuring out the details and planning needed from there because the FIRST thing you would need to do is contact BCRTC to let them know you are interested in acquiring BBYS original train vehicle or even attached to its married pair for its 40 year lifespan "Castlegar #49 so they aren't accidentally sent to the scrap heap. Then they could be refurbished or re deckled with the Sprit of Burnaby emblazoned on the sides as it was and permanently sitting on a short piece of track somewhere. Id think the best places for something like this would be centered underneath the guideway near Metrotown or Patterson but that's just my thoughts. It could have some iron fencing in the area around it or not with some kind of information plaque nearby. It may not seem that old now as they are still running for a short period of time but once they're gone then it's our history lost more and more with every year that passes. It's unfortunate Bby didn't think about this years ago and get a hold of and save one of the Old InterUrban vehicles from our past and doing something similar. It's part of our history and adds value to our community as well as a piece of interest for tourism and I think it would be a great idea to pursue this before the opportunity is lost forever.

Thank you for your time and please pass this email along to the appropriate people or departments for some serious consideration.

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