

**COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION**

**TO:** MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

**SUBJECT: DESCENDANTS OF THE KOMAGATA MARU SOCIETY – REQUEST FOR A FORMAL APOLOGY**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** staff be directed to report back on historical background of the June 29, 1914, Council resolution regarding the Komagata Maru and options for reconciliation and acknowledgment.

**REPORT**

The Community Heritage Commission, at its meeting held on February 13, 2025, received the attached correspondence **REFERRED** from the February 11, 2025 Council meeting.

The correspondence from Descendants of the Komagata Maru Society requests a formal apology from Council for Burnaby's actions at its June 29, 1914, Council meeting, where Council unanimously approved a resolution opposing the landing in British Columbia of the passengers aboard the S.S. Komagata Maru.

Arising from discussion, the Commission recommended that staff report back on historical background of the June 29, 1914, Council resolution and options for reconciliation and acknowledgement.

This recommendation is now before Council for final decision.

On behalf of the Community Heritage  
Commission,

Councillor D. Tetrault  
Chair

Councillor R. T. Lee  
Vice Chair