



COUNCIL MEETING M I N U T E S

Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall
4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC

PRESENT: Mayor Mike Hurley
Councillor Sav Dhaliwal
Councillor Alison Gu
Councillor Joe Keithley
Councillor Richard T. Lee
Councillor Maita Santiago (*participated electronically*)
Councillor Daniel Tetrault
Councillor James Wang

ABSENT: Councillor Pietro Calendino

STAFF: Noreen Kassam, Acting CAO / Chief Financial Officer
Scott Houston, Acting General Manager Community Safety
Juli Halliwell, General Manager Corporate Services / Corporate Officer
May Phang, General Manager Engineering
James Lota, General Manager Lands & Facilities
Andre Isakov, Acting General Manager Parks, Recreation & Culture
Ed Kozak, General Manager Planning & Development
May Leung, City Solicitor
Kathryn Matts, Acting Sr. Manager Legislative Services
Denise Chak, Administrative Officer 1

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hurley called the Open Council meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

2. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Hurley respectfully acknowledged that the City of Burnaby is located on the unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh), and kwikwəłəm (Kwkwetlem) Peoples. Each Nation has

distinct histories and distinct traditional territories that fully or partially encompass the city.

The City encourages you to learn more about the Host Nations whose ancestors have occupied and used these lands, including parts of present-day Burnaby, for thousands of years.

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Hurley made an announcement regarding activity programs for seniors.

"There were recently some proposed changes to activity programs for seniors and other groups; however, it has been decided that the changes will not be moving forward without further understanding of the issues.

I want to thank Councillor Wang and all members of Council who had discussions with our seniors groups about their concerns and helped to find a resolution."

4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

4.1 **Open Council Meeting Agenda for June 10, 2025**

Resolution No. 2025 - 286

THAT the agenda for the Open Council meeting of Tuesday, June 10, 2025, be adopted, **AS AMENDED**, to add a Notice of Motion under Other Business.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

5.1 **Open Council Meeting Minutes May 27, 2025**

Resolution No. 2025 - 287

THAT the minutes of the Open Council meeting held on May 27, 2025, be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **DELEGATIONS AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

6.1 Invited Presentation: Ministry of Transportation - Re: Highway 1 / Kensington Project - Traffic Impacts

Presenters: Mohsin Gohir, Senior Project Manager, Project Delivery and Korry Bonhomme, Area Manager, Ministry of Transportation

Mohsin Gohir, Senior Project Manager, Project Delivery, and Korry Bonhomme, Area Manager, Ministry of Transportation, appeared before Council and advised that from July 2 to August 31, 2025, the Highway 1/Kensington Avenue westbound offramp and one northbound lane on Kensington Avenue will be closing to repair pavement settlement issues that have created uneven driving conditions.

The delegation advised motorists to plan alternate routes during this period and expressed appreciation for the public's patience and understanding during the improvement work.

6.2 Invited Presentation: Burnaby Public Library - Re: 2024 Annual Report

Presenters: Mandy Yang, Burnaby Public Library Board Vice Chair and Beth Davies, Chief Librarian

Mandy Yang, Burnaby Public Library (BPL) Board Vice Chair and Beth Davies, Chief Librarian, appeared before Council and provided an overview of the 2024 Burnaby Public Library Annual Report.

Mandy Yang reported that BPL welcomed over 1.5 million visits to its branches in 2024. The temporary Cameron Branch at Lougheed Mall successfully reached new patrons, introducing them to library services for the first time. In May of 2024, BPL expanded their Sunday hours to 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, made possible through a provincial government grant and ongoing support from the City of Burnaby.

The speaker further highlighted that 2024 marked the first full year of operations of the Digital Studio which opened at the Bob Prittie Metrotown branch in December 2023. Additionally, children's librarians continued to offer storytimes in multiple languages and community librarians engaged with residents by visiting local gathering places.

In closing, the speaker expressed gratitude to BPL staff and the BPL Board for their contributions, and to City Council for their ongoing support of library services and facilities.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7.1 APOLOGY FOR HISTORIC DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PEOPLE OF CHINESE DESCENT

The General Manager Planning and Development submitted a report seeking Council approval to hold a formal apology event and implement reconciliatory actions to address the City's historic discrimination against people of Chinese descent.

Resolution No. 2025 - 288

THAT a Special Council Meeting and event be held on November 15, 2025, to formally apologize for the City's historic discrimination against people of Chinese descent, as outlined in Section 3.0 of the report titled "Apology for Historic Discrimination Against People of Chinese Descent" dated June 10, 2025; and

THAT staff be authorized to implement the reconciliatory actions outlined in Section 3.0 of this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council commended staff for their work in documenting the harms caused by the City's past discriminatory policies against Chinese Canadians and acknowledged the contributions of the Chinese Canadian Reconciliation Advisory Group and community members in shaping the apology and recommending reconciliatory actions.

Council acknowledged the importance of confronting and learning from the City's past and recognized that this work is a significant and long-overdue step towards reconciliation and healing of people of Chinese descent.

Further, Council urged all levels of government to recommit to equity and inclusion for all communities, and to be mindful of the risk of repeating historical patterns of discrimination and complicity.

7.2 ASSESSMENT DATA AMENDMENTS AND MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL IMPACTS

The Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Chief Financial Officer submitted a report seeking Council approval to submit a resolution to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for the purpose of obtaining legislative amendments for assessment appeals and assessment data error adjustments.

Resolution No. 2025 - 289

THAT staff be authorized to submit the proposed resolution, as outlined in the report titled “Assessment Data Amendments and Municipal Financial Impact” dated June 10, 2025, to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 TUP #25-03 - 5987 WILSON AVENUE - UNIT #105

The General Manager Planning and Development submitted a report seeking Council approval for Temporary Use Permit (TUP) #25-03 to permit a residential sales centre within unit #105 to display units for sale for an off-site development project.

Resolution No. 2025 - 290

THAT Temporary Use Permit #25-03 included as Attachment 2 to the report titled “TUP #25-03 – 5987 Wilson Avenue – Unit #105” dated June 10, 2025, be approved; and

THAT the City Solicitor be directed to register notice of Temporary Use Permit #25-03 with the Land Title Office.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 TUP #25-05 - 5850 BYRNE ROAD - UNIT #3

The General Manager Planning and Development submitted a report seeking Council approval for Temporary Use Permit (TUP) #25-05 to permit a sport shooting recreation facility and training centre within unit #3.

Resolution No. 2025 - 291

THAT Temporary Use Permit #25-05 included as Attachment 2 to the report titled “TUP #25-05 – 5850 Byrne Road – Unit #3” dated June 10, 2025, be approved; and

THAT the City Solicitor be directed to register notice of Temporary Use Permit #25-05 with the Land Title Office.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.5 CA - CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION - BURNABY ART GALLERY AND MATHER HOUSE RE-ROOFING AND INSULATION PHASE 2

The Deputy General Manager Finance submitted a report seeking Council approval to award a Contract Award (CA) to Alfred Horie Construction Co. Ltd. for Construction Management and Construction of the Burnaby Art Gallery and Mathers House Re-roofing and Insulation Phase 2.

**Councillor Tetrault left at 5:58 pm.*

Resolution No. 2025 - 292

THAT a contract award to Alfred Horie Construction Co. Ltd. for an estimated total cost of \$1,995,000 including taxes outlined in this report titled “CA – Construction Management and Construction – Burnaby Art Gallery and Mathers House Re-roofing and Insulation Phase 2” dated June 10, 2025, be approved;

THAT an allowance for contingency of \$157,500 including taxes be approved; and

THAT final payment will be based on the actual quantity of goods and services delivered and unit rates as submitted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.6 CA - INFOR (CANADA) SOFTWARE ANNUAL SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE

The Deputy General Manager Finance submitted a report seeking Council approval for a Contract Renewal (CR) for Infor (Canada) Software Annual Support and Maintenance.

Resolution No. 2025 - 293

THAT a one-year contract renewal to Infor (Canada) Ltd. for an estimated total cost of \$199,528 including taxes, as outlined in the report titled “Infor (Canada) Software Annual Support and Maintenance” dated June 10, 2025, be approved; and

THAT final payment will be based on the actual quantity of goods and services delivered and unit prices as submitted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.7 CA - (CA-8031) BIG BEND PUMP STATION SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT

The Deputy General Manager Finance submitted a report seeking Council approval for a Contract Award (CA) for the Big Bend Pump Station Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project.

Resolution No. 2025 - 294

THAT a contract award to Conwest Contracting Ltd. for an estimated total cost of \$2,693,224 including taxes, as outlined in the report titled "CA - (CA-8031) Big Bend Pump Station Sanitary Sewer Replacement" dated June 10, 2025, be approved; and

THAT final payment will be based on the actual quantity of goods and services delivered, and unit prices as proposed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.8 CR - HOLIDAY LIGHTS (LED)

The Deputy General Manager Finance submitted a report seeking Council approval for a Contract Renewal (CR) for Supply, Install, Maintenance, Removal and Storage of Holiday Lights.

Resolution No. 2025 - 295

THAT a contract renewal to Festilight Décor Inc., for an estimated cost of \$582,677 including tax, as outlined in the report titled "CR – Holiday Lights (LED)" dated June 10, 2025, be approved; and

THAT final payment will be based on the actual quantity of goods and services delivered and unit price as submitted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.9 CR - HOLIDAY LIGHTS (LASER PROJECTION)

The Deputy General Manager Finance submitted a report seeking Council approval for a Contract Renewal (CR) for the supply, install, removal, maintenance and storage of holiday lights.

**Councillor Tetrault returned at 6:03 pm.*

Resolution No. 2025 - 296

THAT a contract renewal to 1223663 BC Ltd. dba Best Coast Lights, for an estimated cost of \$281,431 including taxes, as outlined in the report titled “CR – Holiday Lights (Laser Projection)” dated June 10, 2025, be approved; and

THAT final payment will be based on actual quantities of goods and services delivered and unit prices quoted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 ECC - RE: SPRING 2025 SPORT HOSTING GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Executive Committee of Council (ECC) submitted a report recommending Sport Hosting Grant recipients for the March 2025 intake for Council’s approval.

Resolution No. 2025 - 297

THAT the recommended Sport Hosting Grant recipients for the March 2025 intake, as outlined in the report titled “Spring 2025 Sport Hosting Grant Applications” dated June 2, 2025, of the Executive Committee of Council meeting, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 ECC - RE: ADDITIONAL BUDGET INFORMATION FROM BURNABY ARTS COUNCIL OPERATING GRANT

The Executive Committee of Council (ECC) submitted a report seeking approval for the Burnaby Arts Council Operating Grant.

Resolution No. 2025 - 298

THAT an operating contribution of \$25,000 to the Burnaby Arts Council for the 2025 fiscal year as outlined in the report titled “Additional Budget Information from Burnaby Arts Council Operating Grant” dated June 2, 2025, of the Executive Committee of Council, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 ECC - RE: COMMUNITY SCHOOL GRANT 2024/2025

The Executive Committee of Council (ECC) submitted a report seeking Council approval to issue the 2024/2025 Community School Grant payment.

Resolution No. 2025 - 299

THAT the payment of the 2024-2025 Community School Grant in the amount of \$590,620 as outlined in the report titled "Community School Grant Funding 2024/2025", dated June 2, 2025, of the Executive Committee of Council meeting, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Council requested to vote on Item 9.1 Burnaby Shelter and Supportive Housing Strategy separately after Items 9.2, 9.3 and 9.4.

THAT resolutions for Items 9.2, 9.3 and 9.4 on the Consent Agenda on the Regular Council Meeting of June 10, 2025, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 SU: DAP PROGRAM - PHASE 3 INTERIM REPORT

The General Manager Planning and Development submitted a report providing Council with an interim status update (SU) on the activities and outcomes of the Development Approvals Process (DAP) program.

Resolution No. 2025 - 300

THAT the report titled "SU: DAP Program - Phase 3 Interim Report" dated June 10, 2025, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 FMC - RE: SU: SIGNIFICANT CIVIC PROJECTS

The Financial Management Committee (FMC) submitted a report providing Council with a status update (SU) on the current major civic building projects.

Resolution No. 2025 - 301

THAT the report titled: "SU: Significant Civic Projects" dated June 3, 2025, of the Financial Management Committee meeting, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.4 FMC - RE: ACC & DCC ANNUAL REPORT (2024)

The Financial Management Committee (FMC) submitted a report providing Council with information regarding the Amenity Cost Charge (ACC) and Development Cost Charge (DCC) Programs as of December 31, 2024.

Resolution No. 2025 - 302

THAT the report titled "ACC & DCC Annual Report (2024)" dated June 3, 2025, of the Financial Management Committee meeting, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.1 BURNABY SHELTER AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING STRATEGY

The General Manager Planning and Development and the General Manager Community Safety submitted a report providing Council with information on the Burnaby Shelter and Supportive Housing Strategy.

Resolution No. 2025 - 303

THAT the report titled "Burnaby Shelter and Supportive Housing Strategy", dated June 10, 2025, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. INFORMATION REPORTS

No Information Reports were received.

11. BYLAWS

Prior to the Bylaw readings for the month of June, Mayor Hurley made the following remarks:

"Before we begin the bylaw readings, I'd like to recognize that we're nearing the end of the one-year in-stream period for applicants to finalize approvals prior to new development cost charge changes.

Tonight, eight development applications are before us for Final Adoption, with some highlights including a 43-storey market and non-market rental tower at Lougheed Mall; a new manufacturing and warehouse facility at Glenlyon Business Park; and nearly 5,000 homes, new parkland, and natural areas at Kwasen Village—Burnaby's first Indigenous-led master plan community.

Staff have worked closely across multiple City departments to facilitate development approvals over the past year, and our applicants have been responsive and committed in bringing these applications to completion. Thank you to everyone involved and we look forward to seeing these transformative projects take shape in Burnaby.”

11.1 FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READING

11.1.1 #14749 - Burnaby Building Bylaw 2016, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 2025

Resolution No. 2025 - 304-1

THAT Bylaw No. 14749 be now read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.1.2 #14750 - Burnaby Consolidated Fees and Charges Bylaw, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2025

Resolution No. 2025 - 304-2

THAT Bylaw No. 14750 be now read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.1.3 #14751 - Burnaby Housing Agreement (5860 Olive Avenue) Bylaw 2025

Resolution No. 2025 - 304-3

THAT Bylaw No. 14751 be now read a first, second and third time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.2 THIRD READING AND FINAL ADOPTION

11.2.1 #14746 - Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 9, 2025 - Text Amendment

Resolution No. 2025 - 305

THAT Bylaw No. 14746 be now read a third time and final time and adopted.

CARRIED

(Opposed: Councillor Dhaliwal)

11.3 FINAL ADOPTION

11.3.1 #14589 - Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 22, 2023 - REZ #21-47 (4472 Hastings Street)

Resolution No. 2025 - 306-1

THAT Bylaw No. 14589 be now read a final time and adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.3.2 #14612 - Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 34, 2023 -
REZ #21-16 (5292 & 5318 Kingsway)

Resolution No. 2025 - 306-2

THAT Bylaw No. 14612 be now read a final time and adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.3.3 #14695 - Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 23, 2024 -
REZ #19-11 (5025 North Fraser Way)

Resolution No. 2025 - 306-3

THAT Bylaw No. 14695 be now read a final time and adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.3.4 #14708 - Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 27, 2024 -
REZ #23-24 (Ptn. of 3405 Willingdon Ave)

Resolution No. 2025 - 306-4

THAT Bylaw No. 14708 be now read a final time and adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.3.5 #14717 - Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 31, 2024 -
REZ #22-21 (Portion of 9855 Austin Road)

Resolution No. 2025 - 306-5

THAT Bylaw No. 14717 be now read a final time and adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.3.6 #14718 - Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 32, 2024 -
REZ #22-22 (Portion of 9855 Austin Road)

Resolution No. 2025 - 306-6

THAT Bylaw No. 14718 be now read a final time and adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.3.7 #14721 - Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 35, 2024 -
REZ #24-13 (Portion of 3405 Willingdon Avenue)

Resolution No. 2025 - 306-7

THAT Bylaw No. 14721 be now read a final time and adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.3.8 #14730 - Burnaby Zoning Bylaw 1965, Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 2025 -
REZ #23-20 (3676 Bainbridge Avenue)

Resolution No. 2025 - 306-8

THAT Bylaw No. 14730 be now read a final time and adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.3.9 #14747 - Burnaby Consolidated Fees and Charges Bylaw, Amendment
Bylaw No. 1, 2025

Resolution No. 2025 - 306-9

THAT Bylaw No. 14747 be now read a final time and adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. CORRESPONDENCE

The following item of correspondence was received for Council's decision. All other items of correspondence were published at the Council Correspondence and Public Notice Submissions package dated June 10, 2025.

12.1 PETITION: Request to Remove Premature Institutional Land Use Designation (Adjacent to Alpha Secondary School)

Correspondence, together with a petition containing 65 signatures, was received from North Burnaby residents near Alpha Secondary School, requesting removal of premature institutional land use designation for residential properties south of Union Street (adjacent to Alpha Secondary School).

Resolution No. 2025 - 307

THAT the Petition from North Burnaby Residents Near Alpha Neighbourhood, received by the City of Burnaby on May 8, 2025, be received for information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. **OTHER BUSINESS**

13.1 **Mayor Hurley - Proposed Motion: Re: Request to the Province of BC to Repeal the Single Exit Stairway Building Code**

Mayor Hurley submitted a Proposed Motion seeking Council approval to request UBCM to call upon the Province of British Columbia to repeal the single exit stairway building code.

Resolution No. 2025 - 308

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia has amended the British Columbia Building Code (BCBC), effective August 27, 2024, to permit the construction of residential multi-family buildings up to six storeys with a single exit stairway under certain conditions; and

WHEREAS this amendment has generated significant concern amongst local governments and emergency response professionals, including the British Columbia Professional Fire Fighters' Association (BCPFFA), , and the Fire Chiefs Association of BC (FCABC), the Greater Vancouver Fire Chiefs' Association (GVFCA), BC Chiefs of Police Association and the BC Police Association (BCPA), as well as federal associations such as the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs (CAFC) and the National Police Federation (NPF) regarding potential risks to public and firefighter and police officer safety within our communities; and

WHEREAS the safety and well-being of residents and first responders are paramount considerations for all British Columbia municipalities; and

WHEREAS local governments have a vested interest in ensuring that building codes within their jurisdictions reflect the highest standards of safety and facilitate effective emergency response; and

WHEREAS the single-egress stairway concept is complex and should have been properly evaluated through the national code change process, ensuring thorough scrutiny and consideration of all implications; and

WHEREAS British Columbia's adoption of single-egress stairways moved too quickly, did not have supporting data specific to the British Columbia context, and did not adequately consider all stakeholder concerns nor the latest Canadian data, as referenced in various Single Stair Egress Reports; and

WHEREAS local governments have developed their fire services based on the BCBC requirement for apartment buildings to have a minimum of two stairwells, and a sudden change to this critical building safety component states a higher

level of response then what is typically available in all BC fire departments is required; and

WHEREAS nearly 9% of fires in British Columbia residential buildings start in the hallway or stairwell, areas critical for evacuation; and

WHEREAS smoke from fires originating in hallways and stairwells can rapidly flood these essential egress routes, severely jeopardizing the ability of occupants to evacuate safely; and

WHEREAS the majority (68%) of residential fire-related deaths are a result of smoke inhalation alone, while an additional 10% are reported to be caused by both smoke inhalation and burns, underscoring the critical danger posed by smoke in building fires; and

WHEREAS fire inspection data indicates that a concerning 40% of fire and life safety systems in apartment buildings are not compliant with the British Columbia Fire Code (BCFC) and may not function properly, including essential systems like smoke detectors, heat alarms, and automatic sprinkler systems, further increasing the risk associated with inadequate egress; and

WHEREAS the BCBC does not adequately consider or control other critical aspects of fire response capacity and the realities of building upkeep once a building is completed, potentially leading to a degradation of safety over time; and

WHEREAS emerging issues such as the increasing prevalence of lithium-ion battery fires, which contribute to rapid fire spread, can be intense and difficult to extinguish, and release toxic gasses, make this proposal for single egress even riskier; and

WHEREAS human movement research on evacuations has demonstrated a negative impact on evacuation efficiency and safety for the whole population, including those persons with disabilities, when relying on a single exit point; and

WHEREAS the potential for increased risks associated with single exit stairways in multi-family residential buildings, compounded by the aforementioned data and considerations, has significant implications for the safety and livability of our communities; and

WHEREAS the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) is the collective voice of local governments in British Columbia, advocating for the interests and well-being of our communities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) hereby formally calls upon the Province of British Columbia to:

1. **Immediately suspend the implementation of single exit stairway provisions** until a review is completed, incorporating input from UBCM, BCPFFA, FCABC, and other stakeholders. Engage in a transparent consultation process with these groups to evaluate safety implications.
2. **Conduct a comprehensive review** of the British Columbia Building Code amendments allowing single exit stairways in residential multi-family buildings up to six storeys. This review should reference and utilize the research scope and methodology developed by the National Research Council, and focus on public and responder safety, consider evacuation options for persons with disabilities, consider fire incident data, smoke inhalation fatalities, compliance rates for fire safety systems, fire response capacity, risks in egress pathways, lithium-ion battery fire risks, and human movement research on evacuations.
3. **Prioritize a thorough evaluation of the single-egress concept through national code change processes**, ensuring any adoption is supported by BC-specific data and stakeholder feedback. Consider other building design options or changes that would allow the mandating of at least two independent exit stairways in multi-family buildings over a certain height or occupancy to enhance safety.
4. **Collaborate with local governments and the fire service to improve compliance rates of fire and life safety systems**, recognizing their importance in ensuring safety. The BC Building Code must adequately address fire response capacity and emerging risks like lithium-ion battery fires.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT UBCM advocate to the Province of British Columbia for a building code that prioritizes the safety and well-being of all British Columbians and provides clear, consistent, and robust standards for fire safety and egress in multi-family residential buildings, taking into account all the significant risks and concerns outlined in this resolution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.2 Councillor Tetrault - Proposed Motion: Re: Declaring Housing as a Human Right

Councillor Tetrault submitted a Proposed Motion seeking Council approval to submit a resolution to UBCM to call for the BC Government to enshrine housing as a human right.

Resolution No. 2025 - 309

THAT the City of Burnaby submit the following resolution by June 15, 2025, for UBCM consideration:

“THAT the UBCM call for the BC Government to enshrine housing as a human right in legislation and forthcoming housing and homelessness strategies, ensuring that housing policy in British Columbia is grounded in principles of equity, accessibility, accountability, and the inherent dignity of all people.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.3 Appointment of a Deputy Corporate Officer

Resolution No. 2025 - 310

THAT pursuant to section 148 of the *Community Charter*, Samantha Pellizzari, Policy and Governance Administrator, be appointed Deputy Corporate Officer for the City of Burnaby effective immediately.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13.4 Councillors Dhaliwal and Gu - Notice of Motion: Preventing Deaths from Extreme Heat by Amending Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing Legislation

Councillor Dhaliwal and Councillor Gu submitted a Notice of Motion seeking Council approval to submit a resolution to the UBCM asking for the Provincial Government to amend Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing legislation to prevent deaths from extreme heat.

THAT the Notice of Motion be waived.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. 2025 - 311

WHEREAS the 2022 Extreme Heat Death Review Panel Report to the Chief Coroner of British Columbia found the number of deaths was highest in areas with low greenness compared to the protective effect of treed and naturally cooled areas, especially in socioeconomically deprived neighbourhoods;

WHEREAS Bill 44 will densify approximately 70% of the land base of the 105 municipalities in British Columbia, likely leading to a significant loss of tree

canopy and permeable surface area, thereby increasing temperatures due to the urban heat island effect, particularly during extreme heat events;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Burnaby submit the following resolution by June 15, 2025, for UBCM consideration:

THAT the UBCM call for the Province of BC to implement the recommendations as outlined in the 2022 Extreme Heat Death Review Panel Report by establishing scientifically supported minimum requirements on the protection, restoration, and enhancement of urban tree canopy and the percentage of quality permeable surface area, with proportionately stronger requirements for socioeconomically deprived areas with higher urban heat island intensity indexes; and

THAT the Province support and resource communities appropriately to adequately support such efforts, including ongoing funding.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. **RELEASE OF CLOSED MEETING DECISIONS**

The following resolutions were released for public information:

Resolution No. C2025 - 070

THAT the final agreement terms of a Co-Management Agreement of Barnet Marine Park with the Tsleil-Waututh Nation, as outlined in Section 3.0 of this report, be approved; and

THAT staff be directed to plan a public signing ceremony with the Tsleil-Waututh Nation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution No. C2025 - 088

THAT the new contract for banking services with the Royal Bank of Canada for a five-year period be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

THAT the Open Council meeting adjourn at 6:30 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mike Hurley
MAYOR

Juli Halliwell
CORPORATE OFFICER