

**PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE**

**TO:** MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

**SUBJECT: TOURISM BURNABY: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR 2028 CANADIAN URBAN FOREST CONFERENCE**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** Tourism Burnaby's pursuit of a bid to host the 2028 Canadian Urban Forest Conference, as discussed at the February 25, 2026, Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee meeting, be supported in principle.

**REPORT**

At the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee (PRCC) meeting on February 25, 2026, the Advisory Member from Tourism Burnaby, Chris Peters, provided information on the Canadian Urban Forest Conference (CUFC) and advised of Tourism Burnaby's interest in submitting a bid to host the 2028 CUFC.

The Conference is a biennial national event that brings together approximately 350 urban forestry professionals, municipal leaders, researchers and industry experts. The core focus of the Conference is urban greening, climate resilience, sustainability strategy, and community health impacts.

Tourism Burnaby is asking for support in principle, which would allow Tourism Burnaby to submit a proposal by the May deadline, as well as have staff report back outlining the anticipated staff time, planning considerations, and resource implications required and would not include a request for financial contribution from the City.

Arising from discussion, the Committee expressed unanimous support for the request.

The recommendation is now before Council for final approval.

On behalf of the Parks, Recreation and  
Culture Committee,

Councillor D. Tetrault  
Chair

Councillor J. Wang  
Vice Chair