

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

February 19, 1965

HIS WORSHIP THE REEVE
AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Gentlemen:

REPORT OF THE BURNABY CANADIAN CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The following report is made to acquaint the Council of the activities of the Centennial Committee since its formation by the Council last year.

COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION

The Committee is at present constituted as a special committee of the Council. Advice has been received from the Provincial Centennial Committee that local Centennial Committees in larger communities should incorporate under the Societies Act to enable local committees to acquire and administer lands or properties without the risk of individual members of the Committees becoming personally liable for debts of the Corporation. The Committee prefers to remain under the present arrangement where any land acquisitions would be made in the name of the Corporation, and liability whether for debt, or personal or property damage, would be covered by the Corporation. The Municipal Solicitor agrees with this approach.

COMMEMORATIVE PROJECT

The Committee has met regularly since last fall and has concentrated on the most important task of the Committee, that of choosing and developing a permanent project to mark the anniversary of Confederation in 1967 and the joining of the Crown Colonies of Vancouver Island and Mainland British Columbia in 1966.

The Provincial Centennial Committee has stipulated that projects of a lasting nature eligible for approval by the Provincial Centennial Committee are:

- (a) the acquisition and construction of buildings, parks and other capital works;
- (b) the acquisition of buildings of historic or architectural merit, and any furniture or furnishings therein;
- (c) the restoration of buildings of historic or architectural merit;
- (d) the writing and publishing of books;
- (e) the composition of musical works;
- (f) the creation and completion of paintings or sculpture and other works of art;

To date seven ideas for a project have been received including:

- (1) A Planetarium
- (2) A Fine Arts Centre
- (3) A Woodsmoot (Forestry Training and Information Centre)
- (4) A combined Athletic-Entertainment Building (Lord Byng Project)
- (5) Senior Citizens Housing Project
- (6) Flora Bunda Project
- (7) Advice received from Burnaby Citizens Committee for Access to Barnet Beach that a proposal is to be submitted.

A publicity campaign has been undertaken and is still proceeding through the newspapers and by direct correspondence to organizations within the community and a deadline of March 31st, 1965 has been set for receipt of proposals for a permanent project. This deadline will allow for a choice of project and preparation for development contract by the fall of 1965, with actual development to take place in 1966 and completion ready for use and official opening during the spring or early summer of 1967.

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It is proposed that a Committee of three qualified people be appointed to recommend the selection of a project to the Committee and Council. This Special Committee is being chosen now.

CELEBRATION PROGRAMME

It is proposed to expand the Centennial Committee and establish ten Sub-Committees under the following headings:

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| (1) Programme | (6) Publicity |
| (2) Finance | (7) Ethnic |
| (3) Decoration | (8) Cultural |
| (4) Liaison | (9) Historic |
| (5) Project | (10) Educational |

to assist in the programme, project development and financing. In circularizing the service clubs, community organizations and other groups, a request has been advanced that preparation be made for appointment of a representative to the Committee. Steps have now been taken to call for the names of these representatives, to complete the structure of the Committee.

FINANCING

Grant Sharing for Centennial Project

The Government of Canada will allot a maximum amount of \$1.00 per capita for an approved Centennial Project. The Provincial Government will allot an additional 60% per capita for such project. In order to receive both maximum Government grants, the local committee must raise \$1.40 per capita. In other words, the local committee must arrange for an expenditure of at least \$3.00 per capita on an approved permanent project to qualify for Government grants. The grants are based on the population of communities as at June 1st, 1963 "according to the intercensal estimates provided by the Dominion Statistician". Our total population as at June 1st, 1963, is estimated by our Planning Department to be 105,720.

Programme and Administrative Grants

Upon submission of a tentative general programme of celebration, the sum of 40% per capita will be placed at the disposal of the local committee to aid in meeting local celebration expenses. This grant may be obtained, without any matching grant requirement, on the following distribution:

- 10% per capita as at November 1, 1964
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- 10% per capita as at November 1, 1966

An application has gone forward for the first of such contributions which amounts to \$10,572.00.

A tentative Statement of Revenues of the Committee, assuming the Council continues to earmark the sum of \$35,000.00 annually to and including the year 1967 would be:

COMMEMORATIVE PROJECT

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| Federal Grant | \$105,720.00 | |
| Provincial Grant | 63,432.00 | |
| Municipal Appropriation | <u>175,000.00</u> | \$344,152.00* |

PROGRAMME AND ADMINISTRATION

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| Provincial Grant | \$ 42,288.00 |
| Total Anticipated Revenue | <u>\$386,440.00</u> |

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- * (Minimum project expenditure to qualify for Government Grants - \$317,160.00 assuming our population estimate to be acceptable)

Details of the Committee's budget will be presented to Council at a later date. The Committee wishes to assess the project submissions to obtain a better view of the costs involved. The expanded Committee will also work out programme arrangements with accompanying anticipated expenditures.

LETTERHEAD CONTEST

The Committee has sponsored a contest amongst Senior Secondary School students for design of a suitable symbol for use on a letterhead. A combination symbol and "watermark" design has been chosen from the entries submitted by the following students:

Mr. C. McLaren - Central Burnaby High School - Symbol

Mr. Frank Linkert - North Burnaby High School - Design for "water mark" in body of the stationery.

Prizes of \$25.00 are to be awarded to each of these students, with approval of the Council.

IN SUMMARY

- 1.. The Committee prefers to remain constituted as a special committee of Council, rather than incorporate under the Societies Act.
2. Seven proposals have been received to date for a commemorative project and a deadline of March 31st, 1965 has been established for receipt of proposals.
3. Development of the commemorative project is scheduled over roughly a 20-month period from the fall of 1965 to the spring of 1967. A Selection Committee will recommend a project for approval of the local committee and Council.
4. Expansion of the Committee is underway with a view to the appointment of ten sub-committees to handle different parts of the programme.
5. Total anticipated revenue is \$386,440.00.
6. A Committee letterhead has been developed and awards of \$50.00 are to be made to students for designs submitted.

Your Committee would ask that Council approval be granted to the programme arrangements to date.

For future budgetary purposes, the Committee would appreciate advice of the Council's intentions on future appropriations for the Committee's programme and/or permanent project - specifically whether the Council is prepared to recommend to future Councils that the sum of \$35,000.00 be earmarked annually, up to and including the year 1967.

Respectfully submitted,

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