

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

10 February, 1966.

REPORT NO. 4, 1966.
CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS
OF POLICY/PLANNING COMMITTEE

Gentlemen: Re: Burnaby Art Society -
Brief to Municipal Council,
November, 1965

The Burnaby Art Society presented a Brief to Council in November, 1965. Members of Council have their Briefs. The Society made this proposition to the Council:

- (1) that the present exhibiting resources of the Burnaby Art Society be transferred to the Municipality;
- (2) that a permanent Art Gallery be constituted and be known as the Burnaby Public Art Gallery;
- (3) that the Gallery be financed and administered as follows:
 - (a) The Society be disbanded and reconstituted as the Burnaby Art Gallery Society to serve as a volunteer work force and as an auxiliary to the Gallery.
 - (b) The Municipality would assume the responsibility for operating and maintaining the Gallery. Income acquired from membership subscription, private grants, the picture loan and other programs organized by the Art Gallery Society would be used for picture acquisitions and for the importation and financing of special exhibitions.

Your Municipal Manager was directed to obtain all the information the Burnaby Art Society may have on the activities of the Burnaby Art Society.

Burnaby Art Society has been most co-operative and has supplied much more material than can be made available to each individual Councillor. One document however, contains most of the information and has been reproduced for the members of Council except for Agreement Forms and Registration Forms. The Printing File and Scrap Book referred to on Page I of the document will be available to Council when this Report is considered.

The Municipal Solicitor was asked for an opinion on the powers of Council and his reply was:

"I agree that Section 621 of the Municipal Act empowers Council to acquire real or personal property for an Art Gallery and to make rules and regulations governing the management, maintenance, improvement, operation, control and use of such property. However, I do not believe that the Municipal Act contains any provision which would authorize Council to establish an Art Gallery Board for the purpose of operating and managing an Art Gallery.

Section 204 of the Vancouver Charter, by comparison, empowers Council to expend money to acquire real property, establishing thereon and equipping, improving, maintaining and providing for

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the management of public Art Galleries. The Charter, however, does not provide for a delegation to a board or commission of any powers for the operation and management of a public Art Gallery. Section 204A of the Charter does specifically provide for the delegation to a board or commission for such purposes as may be deemed reasonable and necessary for the efficient operation and management of any public auditorium or public museum."

Respectfully submitted,



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