

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

June 24, 1966.

HIS WORSHIP, THE REEVE,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

Gentlemen:

REPORT OF THE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Re: Centennial Project

At the last meeting of the Burnaby Centennial Committee, a decision was made that the former project involving the development of Burnaby Lake or a portion thereof which had been recommended to the Council would regretfully have to be withdrawn, in view of the cost factors affecting the development of the Lake as revealed by the Technical Report prepared by the engineering consultants of Associated Engineering Services Limited and Swan Wooster Limited presented recently to the Council and the Committee.

As a result of the withdrawal of the Burnaby Lake proposal, the Committee diverted its attention to the purchase of a portion of the lands with accompanying buildings owned by the Universal Life Foundation on Gilpin Street. Approval was granted in principle to the acquisition and development of this area for park and community purposes. Negotiations were underway at time of approval and the Committee were given to understand that negotiations were progressing favourably and that it appeared purchase of the property for a reasonable price could be consummated. The Committee requested that a staff committee be set up to work out a general plan of development for the buildings and the grounds and this was done under the chairmanship of Mr. Peter Smith, a member of the Centennial Committee. The Committee was of the opinion that the sum of \$137,00.00 remaining after the expected purchase price of \$180,000.00 was deducted from the total amount of moneys available, should be used primarily for development of the grounds, with sufficient moneys appropriated for upgrading the buildings to bring them into conformity with the various building codes and make them more suitable for public assembly use. The Ceperley Mansion would be upgraded also, and be made available for an Art Centre.

Following the meeting of the Sub-Committee and after general plans had been laid, the Planning Director was asked by the Chairman of the Committee to proceed with preparation of a presentation to the Board of Directors of the B.C. Centennial Committee at a meeting to be held in Vancouver on Friday, June 24th.

The Chairman of the B.C. Centennial Committee had written requesting that Burnaby's project proposal be submitted shortly.

On June 23rd, the Burnaby Centennial Committee met and viewed the presentation in draft form under preparation by the Planning Department and formally approved the purchase of the 8.4 acre site and the general plans for development of the buildings and grounds.

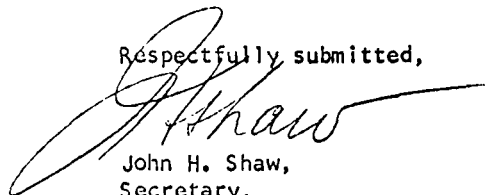
The application presented to the B.C. Committee contained only the earlier approvals in principle by both the Council and the Centennial Committee. The Burnaby Centennial Committee has now granted formal approval and recommends this proposal to the Council as the Canadian Confederation Centennial Project for Burnaby.

The following resolution is suggested for adoption by the Council, if the Committee's recommendation is to be adopted:

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RESOLVED: "That approval be granted to the acquisition of 8.4 acres of land and accompanying buildings from the Universal Life Foundation for the Canadian Confederation Centennial project for Burnaby and to the general plan of development for the grounds as a park, and the buildings for recreational, cultural and community purposes, as more particularly laid out in the presentation of the Burnaby Centennial Committee entitled "Canadian Confederation Centennial Project, Burnaby, B.C.".

Respectfully submitted,



John H. Shaw,
Secretary,
BURNABY CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

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