

Re: B.C. Provincial Museum's Museum Train Programme 1975

On May 26, 1975, Council was advised by Mayor Constable that the Provincial Department of Recreation and Conservation is sponsoring a museum display that will tour the Province by train in 1975 and 1976, and that the Museum Train's first visit is scheduled to take place in Burnaby from July 1 through July 6. Council, in connection with the report that was submitted by the Mayor on this matter, adopted the following recommendation:

"THAT the Municipal Manager be authorized to form a Committee from Municipal Staff and Parks and Recreation, to help co-ordinate a successful programme."

The Committee met with the B.C. Provincial Museum's Curator of History to determine the extent to which the Municipality would be required to share in the costs that would be associated with this event. It has been determined that the total Municipal cost would be approximately \$2,300. This amount is broken down as follows:

* Commissionaires	\$ 600
Site Preparation and Restoration	600
Barricades and Rope Stanchions for Crowd Control	400
Janitorial and Custodial Services	340
Garbage - placement of Containers and Pickup	150
Litter Cleanup on a Daily Basis	135
Signing - Directional, Parking, etc.	75
	<u>\$ 2,300</u>

* The \$600 is a maximum cost. It is based on the assumption that two Commissionaires may be required for crowd control during each of the ten hour days that the display will be open to the public (10 hours x 6 days = 60 hours x \$5.00 per hour for a Commissionaire's services x 2 Commissionaires = \$600). Although it is anticipated that two Commissionaires will be required for the effective control of crowds on opening day, which also happens to be a holiday, it is quite likely that a less extensive level of assistance by Commissionaires would thereafter be needed. Should this be the case, the total cost would be less than the \$600 that has been projected.

The Municipality would extend police surveillance and fire protection but only to the same extent that such services are normally provided when major events are held in Burnaby.

All other costs associated with the Museum Train, including advertising and official opening ceremony requirements, would be borne by the Provincial Government.

The Century Park Museum Association would realize all of the revenue that would be derived from the sale of historical booklets to the public during the six day event. These booklets, which the Provincial Museum would give to the C.P.M.A. without charge, would be sold for .50¢ each. While it is not possible to estimate the amount of revenue that might be earned from the sale of the booklets and souvenirs, it should be recognized that the train would provide our Museum Association with a rather unique opportunity to acquire funds that would be of direct benefit to our own community.

The train will visit three other municipalities in the lower mainland this summer: Port Coquitlam on July 7 and 8, North Vancouver from July 10 through 13, and Vancouver from July 20 through July 24. This information would appear in the publicity that would be given to the media so that to the extent possible, visitors to the train while on location at Central Park would be primarily from the Burnaby area.

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More than a year of research and restoration was required to complete the train which features the phenomenon of steam power and its historical impact on British Columbia. Considerable care was taken by curators to represent all major applications and uses of steam power in the Province since the 1830's, including information on all regions. This exhibit, which is expected to attract wide attention as it travels along the Province's main rail lines this year and during the summer of 1976, will serve to -

1. give citizens throughout British Columbia a better opportunity to view and study the Provincial Museum's collections.
2. measurably increase the historical knowledge of the province's natural and human history.
3. encourage and strengthen community museums by enlisting their assistance in major travelling exhibits.

A brochure that further explains the train and its aims will be available for viewing at the meeting of Council on June 9.

The Central Park Committee on May 29, 1975 approved in principle the staging of the Museum Train in Central Park.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council approve the estimated expenditure of \$2,300 as the Municipality's share of funding the Museum Train's visit to Burnaby from July 1 through July 6, 1975; and
2. THAT the amount be charged to Contingency Reserve Account.