

R E P O R T
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
1987 FEBRUARY 23

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

TO: MEMBERS OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

RE: RICK HANSEN "MAN IN MOTION WORLD TOUR"

Madam and Gentlemen:

For the past two years, a young Canadian has braved all kinds of weather and many other obstacles in order to accomplish his goal--to travel by wheelchair the distance around the world to raise funds for spinal cord research, rehabilitation and wheelchair sports. You know, of course, the young man's name is Rick Hansen and his progress in pursuit of his goal has been reported to us daily by the news media. We have all followed his travels with pride and admiration.

Rick Hansen is now nearing completion of his courageous adventure and we hope to welcome him to Burnaby during the month of April, 1987.

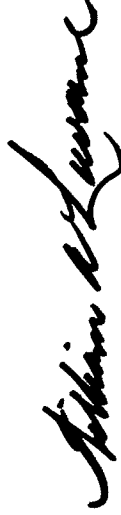
The management of Brentwood Mall have initiated a plan to honour Rick Hansen upon his arrival with an event coordinating the combined efforts of all the outlying communities of the Lower Mainland in one central location in order to present Rick with their community awards and donations.

I am in full support of this plan and have advised Brentwood staff that my office is available to receive donations from the public towards "The Man in Motion World Tour" fundraising campaign. The funds so designated will be passed on to the appropriate authority to help Rick achieve the financial goals set for his world tour.

Letters will be sent to all Burnaby schools and service organizations inviting their participation in the festivities honouring Rick on his special day in Burnaby. I intend to declare the day of Rick's arrival as "RICK HANSEN DAY" in Burnaby and to encourage all our citizens to participate in the celebration of Rick's courage and determination to achieve the goals he set, regardless of the difficulties encountered along the way. He is an inspiration to all the world and especially to all Canadians.

I recommend Council's support of "RICK HANSEN DAY" in Burnaby and for the activities being planned to acknowledge this young man's dedication to a cause and his outstanding personal achievement.

Respectfully submitted,



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