

RE: LETTER FROM THE HONOURABLE BILL REID, MINISTRY OF TOURISM, RECREATION AND CULTURE WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 27TH MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 4 C)  
"PROJECT PRIDE" AND HERITAGE CONSERVATION

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendations of the Director Planning & Building Inspection be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1987 APRIL 28  
FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING INSPECTION

SUBJECT: LETTER APPEARING ON THE 1987 APRIL 27 COUNCIL AGENDA FROM THE HONOURABLE BILL REID, MINISTER OF TOURISM, RECREATION AND CULTURE REGARDING "PROJECT PRIDE" AND HERITAGE CONSERVATION  
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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the letter from the Minister inviting Burnaby to contribute to "Project Pride" be referred to the Burnaby Historical Society in order for them to prepare a response to the Task Force.
2. THAT a copy of this report be provided to the Burnaby Village Museum Association.

REPORT

1.0 OBJECTIVES OF "PROJECT PRIDE":

The Provincial Government is in the process of reviewing heritage policy in British Columbia. The purpose of "Project Pride" is to obtain input from the public and organizations to the project Task Force which will be preparing a report on Heritage Conservation policy. The Task Force will be holding a hearing in Vancouver as well as ten other communities and Council has been invited to contribute to the review either by submitting a brief at the Vancouver hearing or organizing (with Provincial financial help) a community forum in Burnaby. If there is sufficient interest to sponsor a local forum then a brief would be prepared and either presented to the Task Force meeting in Vancouver or submitted in writing by 1987 June 30.

2.0 STAFF COMMENT ON THE PROJECT:

Inasmuch as Burnaby is a changing community, it is desirable to develop policies and procedures for identifying and preserving significant elements of our history for the enrichment of the community now and in the future.

Provincial policy and legislation will inevitably have an impact upon the ability of Municipalities to pursue heritage conservation activities. The holding of a "public forum" and/or the submission of a brief on this issue to the Project Pride Task Force will improve public awareness of heritage issues, utilize an opportunity to provide input to possible legislative changes, and register the Municipality's interest in this area.

3.0 CURRENT SITUATION:

On 1987 March 23 Council approved the following recommendation:

"THAT Council establish the Burnaby Heritage Advisory Committee and that such Committee function under the responsibility of the Director Planning & Building Inspection."

The Council Heritage Advisory Study Committee has been involved in the preparation of Terms of Reference for the Heritage Advisory Committee, however, this body has not yet been established while any briefs to this project must be submitted by 1987 June 30. At this point the expedient option for responding to the Minister's "Project Pride" invitation is to refer the matter to an existing available organization such as the Burnaby Historical Society. The other organization which has an interest in this area is the Burnaby Village Museum Board of Directors. The Chairman of the Board has a copy of the information and has expressed an interest in working with the Historical Society on this type of activity should the opportunity arise. Ms. E. Salisbury of the Historical Society has been contacted as well, and has indicated her support for this type of approach.

Staff propose that this invitation be referred to the Burnaby Historical Society to respond to the request for input. The Society would be requested to either sponsor a local public forum or submit a presentation to the Project Pride Task Force in cooperation with the Burnaby Village Museum Board. The staff of the Planning & Building Inspection Department will be available to assist as required.

  
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cc: Director Recreation & Cultural Services