

RE: FREEDOM TO READ WEEK - FEBRUARY 17 - 24, 1989

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Acting Chief Librarian be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1989 JANUARY 27
FROM: ACTING CHIEF LIBRARIAN
RE: FREEDOM TO READ WEEK - FEBRUARY 17-24, 1989

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council adopt the Proclamation of Freedom to Read Week and proclaim February 17 - 24, 1989, Freedom to Read Week in Burnaby.


REPORT

At its meeting held 1989 January 19 the Burnaby Public Library Board received correspondence from the British Columbia Library Association Intellectual Freedom Committee concerning the above noted subject. The letter advised that Freedom to Read Week, sponsored by the Book and Periodical Development Council in Toronto, was scheduled to take place February 17 to 24, 1989, and requested support for the attached Proclamation. In response to this letter The Burnaby Public Library Board adopted the following recommendation

"That the Library Board endorse the Proclamation of Freedom to Read Week and request that the Mayor proclaim February 17 to February 24, 1989, as Freedom to Read Week in Burnaby."

The Burnaby Public Library Board therefore recommends

THAT Council adopt the Proclamation of Freedom to Read Week and proclaim February 17 - 24, 1989, Freedom to Read Week in Burnaby.


Paul Whitney,
Acting Chief Librarian

Attachment (1)

cc: Director Recreation and Cultural Services

PROCLAMATION

Whereas The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees freedom of thought, belief, opinion, and expression; 158

And Whereas The Public Libraries of Canada have served as a "people's university" through facilitating access to all expressions of knowledge and intellectual activity including those which are sometimes viewed as unconventional, unpopular, or unacceptable;

And Whereas The broad availability of such knowledge and information is essential for an active citizenry;

And Whereas The Public Libraries of Canada provide this knowledge to all citizens regardless of age, educational attainment, ethnic heritage, or social or economic condition;

And Whereas The Canadian Book and Periodical Development Council and the British Columbia Library Association Intellectual Freedom Committee are sponsoring Freedom to Read Week from February 17 - 24, 1989 in order to celebrate and defend these freedoms;

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Copeland, Mayor of Burnaby, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the period of February 17, 1989, to February 24, 1989, inclusive as

"Freedom to Read Week"

in the Municipality of Burnaby and in so doing urge every citizen to recognize and defend the right of free expression.