

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

TO: MEMBERS OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
FROM: MAYOR WILLIAM J. COPELAND
RE: CONFER THE TITLE OF FREEMAN UPON
JAMES GIBSON LORIMER

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council confer the Freedom of the Municipality upon James Gibson Lorimer and that the title be conferred at a ceremony to take place during the Municipal Appreciation Dinner to be held on Friday, 1990 April 06.

R E P O R T

Section 279 of the Municipal Act permits the Council of a Municipality to honour a distinguished person by conferring upon that person the title of "Freeman of the Municipality". From time to time past Councils have recognized the outstanding contribution persons have made to the community and have recognized those persons by making them Freeman of The Corporation of the District of Burnaby. I would suggest to you that it is an appropriate time to once again honour a member of our community and wish to submit the name of James Gibson Lorimer for your consideration.

James Gibson Lorimer was born, raised and lived the majority of his life in Burnaby. Mr. Lorimer attended Victoria College in 1943, but his education was interrupted to serve with the Canadian Scottish Regimental Infantry in northwest Europe during World War II.

Following his military service Mr. Lorimer returned to Canada in 1946, resumed his law studies and was called to the bar in 1949. Mr. Lorimer began his law practice in Grand Forks and returned to Burnaby in 1954 where he continued to practice law.

Commencing in 1966 Mr. Lorimer served two years on Burnaby Council and was elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for Burnaby-Willingdon in a by-election on January 10, 1969. Mr. Lorimer was re-elected to the Provincial Government later in that year and again in 1972 and 1979.

From 1972 to 1975 Jim served the Province of British Columbia and the Municipality of Burnaby as Minister of Municipal Affairs and Minister of Commercial Transport. During this time he arranged for the transfer of the Oakalla farm lands on a 100 year lease basis to the Municipality of Burnaby at no charge. He also arranged for Provincial funding to stock the hypothecary shop in Heritage Village, was responsible for the design and construction of the Seabus System and was responsible for doubling the stock of transit vehicles to extend urban transit services to areas beyond the Vancouver border.

During his term as Minister Jim served as a Director on the B.C. Hydro Board of Directors and as Chairperson of the B.C. Harbours Board. While Chair of the Harbours Board Jim initiated the B.C. Court of Appeal Reference on behalf of the Provincial Government for declaration that Roberts Bank and Georgia Strait were in Provincial and not Federal jurisdiction.

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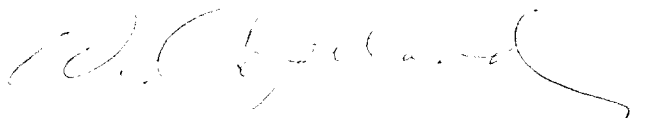
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Jim married Cicely Edith Charters on October 22, 1943 and together they have raised two daughters, Cicely and Yvonne.

You can see that Mr. Lorimer has made significant and worthwhile contributions to our community and this Province and his tireless efforts warrant recognition.

It gives me great pleasure to recommend James Gibson Lorimer be honoured as this Municipality's 12th Freeman.



WILLIAM J. COPELAND
MAYOR