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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
1990 MAY 22

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

REPORT OF HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SUBJECT: BURNABY SCHOOLS' HERITAGE EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for information.

R E P O R T

The following report provides an outline of activities undertaken by the Burnaby Schools' Heritage Education Sub-Committee on behalf of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

The Sub-Committee, Chaired by Mr. Harry Pride consists of various representatives from the Burnaby School District, individual schools, Burnaby Village Museum and the Planning Department.

The first task in the Sub-Committee's programme was a 'fact finding' mission to receive input from teachers and students as to their definition of Burnaby's heritage. Details of the program to be established included incorporation of a local history program into the normal classroom activities and course objectives, availability of various types of resource materials and the number of schools and grades to be included in the programme.

The Sub-Committee submitted a small introductory heritage programme to the school district for distribution. This programme included a project background and overview, a lesson aide entitled 'Discovering Burnaby's Heritage' and information regarding the Heritage Committee. Response sheets were included for feedback.

The purpose of the program is to allow student participation in the definition of Burnaby's heritage and to come to understand heritage and its role in the maintenance of a good living environment. At present four schools are participating in a Level I Program, eight schools in a Level II Program and eleven schools in individualized programs.

The pilot program offers enough background information and some possible activities to help the teacher get started in developing a lesson unit. The Sub-Committee have avoided arbitrarily developing a complete unit, but have left it open-ended allowing for individual creativity and ingenuity.

In recognition of Heritage Week 1990 February 19 - 24, the computer class at Seaforth School, in conjunction with the Education Sub-Committee, produced banners for all Burnaby Schools.

The Sub-Committee is also working on a program to allow students an opportunity to interview elder citizens in order to gain first-hand knowledge of our heritage by bringing Burnaby's history 'to life.'

The Sub-Committee is presently working on an audio-visual project for use in schools (one for elementary and one for secondary). This program involves production of two video tapes depicting aspects of Burnaby's heritage appropriate for each individual age group.

Municipal Staff are presently assisting the Sub-Committee through the preparation of Terms of Reference, tender process and budgets for this project.

The Sub-Committee continues to offer assistance to Burnaby's Schools through the supply of materials and information and will continue to monitor the education pilot program.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Committee to extend our sincere thanks to the many members of the Burnaby School District, Burnaby Village Museum and the Planning Department for lending their time, efforts and expertise to the activities of the Education Sub-Committee.

This report is presented for the information of Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Alderman D.P. Drummond, Chairman  
HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE