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TO: CITY MANAGER 1993 JANUARY 25

FROM: CHIEF LIBRARIAN

RE: FREEDOM TO READ WEEK - MARCH 01-08, 1993

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council adopt the Proclamation of Freedom to Read Week and proclaim March 01 - March 08, 1993, Freedom to Read Week in Burnaby.

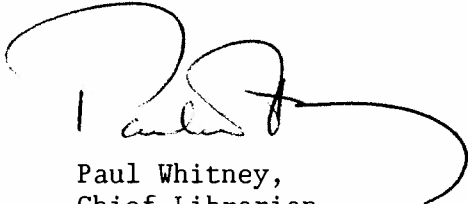
REPORT

At its meeting held 1993 January 21, 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, was scheduled to take place March 01 - March 08, 1993, and requested support for the attached Proclamation. In response to this letter the Burnaby Public Library Board adopted the following recommendation

"That the Board request City Council declare March 1-8, 1993, 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 March 01 to March 08, 1993, Freedom to Read Week in Burnaby.



Paul Whitney,
Chief Librarian.

Attachment (1)

cc: Director Recreation and Cultural Services

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PROCLAMATION

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

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 March 01 to March 08, 1993, in order to celebrate and defend these freedoms;

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Copeland, Mayor of Burnaby, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the period of March 01, 1993, to March 08, 1993, inclusive as

"Freedom to Read Week"

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