

**CITY OF BURNABY**  
**HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS

**B.C. HERITAGE TRUST FUNDING**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT Council be requested to send a letter to the Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture expressing Burnaby's concern about the reduction in funding to the B.C. Heritage Trust and the resultant reduction in funding available for community heritage projects.

**REPORT**

The Heritage Advisory Committee, at its meeting held on 1994 April 27 received the attached report regarding changes in Provincial funding for heritage and adopted the recommendation contained in the report.

The Committee therefore seeks Council approval of the recommendation to send a letter to the Provincial Government expressing Burnaby's concern about the reduction in funding to the B.C. Heritage Trust and the resultant reduction in funding available for community heritage projects.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Doreen Lawson,  
Chair

Councillor Doug Drummond,  
Member

cc: City Manager Director Finance Director Planning & Building
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**TO:** HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE 1994 APRIL 21  
**FROM:** DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING OUR FILE: 10.340.3.1  
**SUBJECT:** B.C. HERITAGE TRUST FUNDING  
**PURPOSE:** To provide information requested by the Heritage Advisory Committee regarding the changes in Provincial funding for Heritage.

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**R E P O R T**

The City of Burnaby's Heritage Advisory Committee is a member of the Heritage Society of British Columbia. This society is the Province's only group directly involved in lobbying the provincial government for heritage. The society is composed of 160 member groups of which 30 are heritage advisory committees which includes almost every such committee in the Province.

The Society has asked all member groups to voice their concern about the significant decline in provincial heritage funding to the Province's only heritage funding agency The B.C. Heritage Trust. This crown corporation has funded, through cost sharing programs, many of Burnaby's heritage projects.

Recently grants have been received for the restoration of the Jubilee Grove Arch in Central Park, Burnaby's educational video "Our Heritage" and the Central Park Tramline Interpretation plaques. The reduction in this agency's funding may result in some of Burnaby's future restoration projects not receiving cost sharing grants.

The B.C. Heritage Trust once received most of its funds directly through allocations of B.C. Lottery funds. Since 1991 this funding source has been redirected and now the Trust's funds are allocated through the Provincial budget process in Legislative Assembly.

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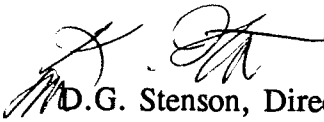
B.C. Trust annual funding has been as follows:

89/90	\$2,450,000
90/91	\$2,550,000
91/92	\$2,550,000
92/93	\$2,020,000
93/94	\$1,896,000 but \$652,000 was "tagged" for special provincial projects
94/95 Proposal	\$1,244,000 plus \$265,000 in program funds from the Heritage Conservation Branch for planning and similar programs

Total funding proposed for 94/95 is basically 50% of the 90/91 level while the Trust's commitments to community grants has declined by approximately 75%.

This current situation has seriously reduced the opportunity for Burnaby to seek funds for future heritage projects. This problem will likely be compounded for all local governments and heritage groups with the consideration of a new Heritage Conservation Act by the Province. This new legislation proposes to transfer a considerable amount of responsibility to municipalities to conserve local heritage resources while at the same time reducing financial assistance programs.

As a result of these concerns, the B.C. Heritage Society has requested that those Heritage Advisory Committee's who share these concerns request that their Council send a letter supporting the increased funding of the B.C. Heritage Trust to the Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture.

  
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