

TO: CITY MANAGER 1994 April 26

FROM: CHIEF LIBRARIAN

RE: MINISTRY OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS' GRANTS TO BURNABY PUBLIC LIBRARY AND THE LOWER MAINLAND LIBRARY FEDERATION, INTERLINK

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council write to the Minister of Municipal Affairs to thank her for her Ministry's support for Burnaby Public Library and the Lower Mainland library federation, InterLINK.

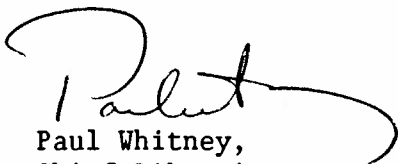
REPORT

At its regular meeting on April 21 the Burnaby Public Library Board passed a motion requesting that Council join the Board in thanking the Minister of Municipal Affairs for her Ministry's support for both Burnaby Public Library and the Lower Mainland library federation, InterLINK.

The 1994 provincial per capita grants to public libraries have been maintained at the 1993 level of \$1.90 per capita. The 1994 grants have been based on provincial government population estimates unlike last year's grant which was based on the 1991 Census population figure. This change resulted in a grant increase of \$18,578 for Burnaby Public Library.

In addition, the Minister has approved a grant of \$525,000 to the public library federation, InterLINK, which commenced operations as a permanent organization in April. Burnaby Public Library is one of twelve members of InterLINK. The government grant will be used to compensate libraries which are net providers of non-resident service. Burnaby Public Library will receive a substantial portion of this grant from InterLINK.

The Library Board felt that it would be appropriate for the City to directly acknowledge this support for Burnaby Public Library. A copy of the Board's letter to the Minister is attached for the information of Council.


Paul Whitney,
Chief Librarian.

Attachment (1)

cc: Director Recreation and Cultural Services

The Honourable Darlene Marzari
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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	31
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Dear Minister:

1994 April 25

I am writing on behalf of the Burnaby Public Library Board to thank you for your support for BC public libraries, demonstrated by the recent announcement of the 1994 per capita library grants. The Board is especially pleased that the Ministry was able to acknowledge population growth since the 1991 Census in the per capita grant calculation.

The simultaneous announcement of the grant to InterLINK, the federated library service serving the Lower Mainland, is also most welcome news. The Burnaby Public Library Board is committed to cooperation with area libraries to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of public library service in the region. Your personal support for the formation of InterLINK as a library federation and this supporting grant are crucial components in furthering this cooperation and thereby significantly improving library service for the 1.9 million residents who live within the InterLINK service area.

Thank you again for your support for Burnaby Public Library and InterLINK on behalf of the Board and the many Burnaby residents who will receive enhanced library service as a direct result of these Ministry of Municipal Affairs' grants.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Nancy Johnston'.

Nancy Johnston,
Chair,
Burnaby Public Library Board.

cc: Burnaby Council
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