

CITY OF BURNABY

ENVIRONMENT AND WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS

Re: Support for Designation of the Fraser River as a
Heritage River by the Province of British Columbia

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT Council, by way of a letter to the Province of B.C., support the B.C. Heritage Rivers Board's recommendation that the Province formally recognize the Fraser River as a heritage river and recommend the same to the Canadian Heritage Rivers System (CHRS) Board.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1995 October 10 the Environment and Waste Management Committee adopted the attached motion presented to the Committee by Mr. Mark Angelo. Mr. Angelo advised that the B.C. Heritage Rivers Board in its first official report to government, presented a list of rivers nominated for special recognition. The report and its inaugural list of rivers was presented to Environment, Lands and Parks Minister Moe Sihota at a news conference held 1995 September 19. One of the key nominations included in the list presented to the Minister is the Fraser River. The Board is also asking that the government of British Columbia have the Fraser River included as part of the Canadian Heritage River System.

The Committee places the recommendation contained with their motion before Council for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D.P. Drummond
Chair

Councillor D. Johnston
Member

Councillor D.A. Lawson
Member

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NOTICE OF MOTION
(Environment and Waste Management Committee)

**Support for Designation of the Fraser River as a Heritage River
by the Province of British Columbia**

WHEREAS the Fraser River is one of the world's most ecologically and culturally significant rivers; and

WHEREAS the City of Burnaby is a Fraser River community within the larger Fraser Basin; and

WHEREAS the B.C. Heritage Rivers Board, a public advisory board established to promote stewardship of the most significant rivers in the province, has nominated the Fraser River for heritage recognition by the Province; and

WHEREAS such heritage recognition will provide greater emphasis, focus and profile for key rivers, help ensure the maintenance of those features which make each river significant through education, interpretation, enhancement and other stewardship opportunities, and help develop a greater constituency in support of rivers among all British Columbians; and

WHEREAS such recognition is consistent with the environmental goals of the City and for the long-term sustainability of the Fraser Basin; and

WHEREAS implementation of this recognition will not create new levels of bureaucracy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. Council, by way of a letter to the Province of B.C., support the BC Heritage Rivers Board's recommendation that the Province formally recognize the Fraser River as a heritage river and recommend the same to the Canadian Heritage Rivers System (CHRS) Board.