

COMMUNITY ISSUES AND SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS

RE: BURNABY ACCESS GUIDEBOOK

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council receive the attached report for information.

REPORT

The Community Issues and Social Planning Committee, at its meeting held on 1995 November 22 adopted the attached staff report advising on the imminent publication of the revised Burnaby Access Guidebook (provided to Council under separate cover, with additional copies available in the Clerks Office).

This report is submitted for Council's information.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor C. Redman
Chair

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TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS 1995 NOVEMBER 14
COMMUNITY ISSUES & SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING OUR FILE: 17.908

SUBJECT: BURNABY ACCESS GUIDEBOOK

PURPOSE: To inform the Committee of the imminent publication of the revised Burnaby Access Guidebook.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Committee receive this report for information.

R E P O R T

1.0 BACKGROUND

At its meeting of 1994 April 27, the Committee approved a report which outlined the results of the accessibility review of Metrotown. The report was approved by Council at its meeting of 1994 May 9. The report noted that the completion of the accessibility review provided an opportunity to expand the existing Burnaby Access Guidebook to include the Metrotown core area.

The revised Burnaby Access Guidebook is now in the final stages of editing before publication in January 1996. The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the guidebook's contents and imminent availability. A recent draft of the guidebook is **attached** as Appendix 1 for the Committee's information. Minor editorial and formatting changes are likely to be made before printing.

2.0 CONTENT OF THE GUIDEBOOK

The original Burnaby Access Guidebook was published in April 1991 to assist Burnaby residents with disabilities to access City facilities and services. It contained access information, including where to park, which entrance to use, where accessible washrooms are located, and what special services and accessibility features are available, for 23 City-operated buildings.

The revised edition of the guidebook contains similar types of information for 27 City-operated buildings. Shadbolt Centre for the Arts, Club Metro Youth Centre, Eileen Dailly Leisure Pool and Fitness Centre, and the Edmonds North Wing Community Resource Centre are new entries to the revised guidebook. In addition, many City-operated buildings reviewed in the first edition have been modified since 1991 to improve accessibility, and those changes are reflected in the revised guidebook.

As well, as a result of the Metrotown Accessibility Review, the revised guidebook contains similar types of access information for the three major shopping centres in the Metrotown core.

The revised guidebook will be distributed to organizations representing persons with disabilities and through City-operated facilities such as libraries, recreation centres, and the main information desk at City Hall.

3.0 CONCLUSION

The publication of the revised edition of the Burnaby Access Guidebook represents a collaborative effort among the management of the three major shopping centres in Metrotown, City staff and the Burnaby Access Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee is comprised of persons with disabilities who are residents of Burnaby or representatives of disabled persons' organizations. The publication of the guidebook reflects one part of a continuing commitment by the City of Burnaby to ensure access to facilities and services for all Burnaby residents. Funds are available for publication in the 1995 Planning and Building Department budget.

This report is for the information of the Committee.



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