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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	4
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TO: CITY MANAGER 1995 JANUARY 20

FROM: CHIEF LIBRARIAN

SUBJECT: FREEDOM TO READ WEEK - FEBRUARY 27 TO MARCH 05, 1995

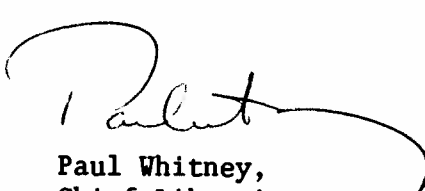
PURPOSE: To request Council adopt the Proclamation of Freedom to Read Week and proclaim February 27 to March 05, 1995, Freedom to Read Week in Burnaby.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council adopt the Proclamation of Freedom to Read Week and proclaim February 27 - March 05, 1995, Freedom to Read Week in Burnaby.

REPORT

At its meeting held 1995 January 19, 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 February 27 to March 05, 1995, and requested support for the attached Proclamation. As in past years, in response to this letter the Burnaby Public Library Board recommends that Council adopt the Proclamation of Freedom to Read Week and proclaim February 27 to March 05, 1995, 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 11th annual Freedom to Read Week is organized by The Canadian Book and Periodical Development Council with the support of the British Columbia Library Association Intellectual Freedom Committee in order to celebrate and defend these freedoms,

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Copeland, Mayor of Burnaby, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the period of February 27, 1995, to March 05, 1995, 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.