

REPORT
1996 APRIL 15

CITY OF BURNABY

COMMUNITY ISSUES AND SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS

RE: "BURNABY... WELL INTO THE FUTURE" - STATUS UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION:

1. *THAT* Council receive the attached report for information.

REPORT

The Community Issues and Social Planning Committee, at its meeting held on 1996 March 27 received the attached report providing an update on the status of Burnaby's 1996 funding application to the Province's Healthy Community Initiatives Fund and implementation of the City's two 1996 Healthy Community Workplans.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor C. Redman
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TO: COMMUNITY ISSUES &
SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

1996 MARCH 11

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING

OUR FILE: 17.818.3

SUBJECT: **"BURNABY . . . WELL INTO THE FUTURE" - STATUS UPDATE**

PURPOSE: To provide an update on the status of Burnaby's 1996 funding application to the Province's Healthy Community Initiatives Fund and implementation of the City's two 1996 Healthy Community Workplans.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the Committee forward this report to Council for information.

R E P O R T

1.0 BACKGROUND

In 1996 January, the Committee and Council considered the 1996 Workplans for both the community-based Healthy Community Initiative and the interdepartmental Healthy Community Team. Both Workplans were approved, contingent on the availability of provincial Healthy Community funds to cover implementation costs.

This report provides an update on the status of Burnaby's 1996 funding application to the provincial Healthy Community Initiatives Fund and implementation plans for the two Workplans.

2.0 1996 GRANT APPLICATION

In January 1996, Burnaby applied to the Healthy Community Initiatives Fund for a \$15,000 grant for 1996 to cover the costs of implementing Burnaby's two 1996 Healthy Community Workplans. On 1996 February 8, the City received a letter from the Southwest Regional Co-ordinator of the Fund advising that a grant of \$2,000 was being awarded to Burnaby for 1996. The \$2,000 has been earmarked by the Fund for the Healthy Community Initiative's 1996 Grass-Roots Forum and for other activities associated with winding the Initiative down.

Staff have been advised by the Province that 1996 is the last year of operation for the Healthy Community Initiatives Fund. In 1997, it is anticipated that funds for Healthy Schools, Healthy Communities and other community programs will be integrated, and that funding decisions will be made by local Health Boards. Given the anticipated heavy competition for the funds, and the fact that Burnaby has already received a number of Healthy Community grants in recent years, it is unlikely that either the Healthy Community Initiative or the Healthy Community Team will apply in future. Therefore, the activities outlined in the next section of this report represent the culmination of Burnaby's successful Healthy Community Project.

3.0 1996 WORKPLAN ACTIVITIES

With 1996 funding primarily earmarked for the Grass-Roots Forum, some of the other activities proposed for 1996 will be pursued with funds still available from the City's 1995 Healthy Community grant.

The Healthy Community Initiative will continue with its plans to translate the *Citizens' Guide to City Services* into both a computer-accessible format and a format which renders the information accessible to persons who are sight-impaired. However, unless the Initiative is successful in obtaining additional funding from other sources such as Multiculturalism B.C. or a private foundation, the proposed development of a multilingual version of the Guide cannot be pursued.

The Initiative will also continue with the final in its series of grass-roots mini-workshops on "*Strengthening Your Roots*". Additional workshops proposed for autumn 1996 will not take place.

The final "Grass-Roots" Forum will be held in late spring and will focus on recognizing and celebrating the work that grass-roots groups carry out in our community.

The grass-roots newsletter proposed in the Workplan will not be published.

The Healthy Community Team will continue with its plans to sponsor the third Healthy Community Recognition Program to celebrate City projects which reflect the City's Healthy Community Policy. The Team will also offer a staff training session in autumn on an aspect of the Policy. As the other activities in the Team's Workplan do not have an associated cost, they will be pursued as well.

4.0 CONCLUSION

Burnaby's Healthy Community grant for 1996 is considerably less than what is required to carry out the activities outlined in the City's two Healthy Community Workplans. Nevertheless, both the Healthy Community Team and the Healthy Community Initiative will be able to complete a number of projects with funds remaining from the City's 1995 Healthy Community grant. Aside from those outlined in Section 2.0 above, no further Healthy Community activities will be planned.

Burnaby has been participating in the Healthy Community movement since 1989. Burnaby's Healthy Community Project has long been a subject of interest among other British Columbia municipalities and has served as a model for some. As the February 1996 letter from the Healthy Community Initiatives Fund notes, Burnaby is one of the first municipalities to evolve to such a successful level with Healthy Communities.

Through "Burnaby...Well into the Future", staff awareness of the impact of their work on the community has increased considerably over the six year life-span of the Project. In fact, in both 1994 and 1995, over 100 City staff and approximately 30 City projects were recognized by the Healthy Community Recognition Program as good examples of Healthy Community principles in action. As for the community component of the project, the important work of grass-roots groups has been recognized and nurtured. The Healthy Community Initiative has assisted Burnaby's grass-roots groups with skills and training workshops on such subjects as "Working with Volunteers" and "Running Effective Meetings". Opportunities for networking between groups were provided both at those workshops and at the 1994 and 1995 Grass-Roots Forums. In 1995, the Initiative produced its *Funding Resource Guide for Grass-Roots Groups* and forwarded recommendations which led to Council's allocation of \$6,350 from the Grass-Roots Support Fund to grass-roots activities. Finally, the Initiative has produced the *Citizens' Guide to City Services* to assist Burnaby residents in finding the City service they require.

The legacy of all of these activities carried out under "Burnaby...Well into the Future" is that Burnaby is a healthier community.

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