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MANAGER'S REPORT #	04
COUNCIL MEETING	96/02/05

TO: CITY MANAGER 1996 JANUARY 23

FROM: CHIEF LIBRARIAN

SUBJECT: FREEDOM TO READ WEEK - FEBRUARY 26 TO MARCH 03, 1996

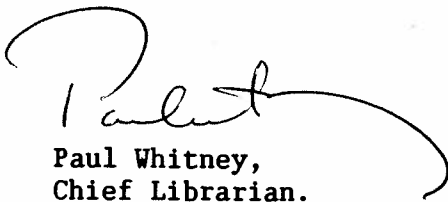
PURPOSE: To request Council adopt the Proclamation of Freedom to Read Week and proclaim February 26 to March 03, 1996, Freedom to Read Week in Burnaby.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council adopt the Proclamation of Freedom to Read Week and proclaim February 26 - March 03, 1996, Freedom to Read Week in Burnaby.

REPORT

At its meeting held 1996 January 18, 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 26 to March 03, 1996, 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 26 to March 03, 1996, Freedom to Read Week in Burnaby.


Paul Whitney,
Chief Librarian.

Attachment (1)

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 assist citizens regardless of age, educational attainment, ethnic heritage, or social or economic condition;
- And Whereas The Canadian Book and Development Council and the British Columbia Library Association Intellectual Freedom Committee are sponsoring Freedom to Read Week from February 26 to March 3, 1996, in order to celebrate and defend these freedoms,
- Now, Therefore, I, William J. Copeland, Mayor of Burnaby, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the period of February 26, 1996, to March 03, 1996, 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.