

Item	1
Manager's Report No.	05
Council Meeting	97/02/10

TO : CITY MANAGER DATE: 1997 JANUARY 24  
FROM : CHIEF LIBRARIAN  
SUBJECT : FREEDOM TO READ WEEK - FEBRUARY 24 TO MARCH 02, 1997  
PURPOSE : To request Council to adopt the Proclamation of Freedom to Read Week and proclaim February 24 to March 02, 1997, Freedom to Read Week in Burnaby.

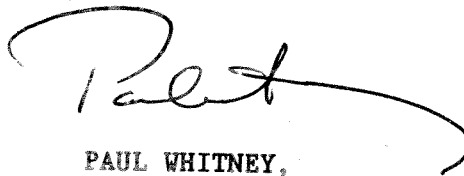
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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT Council adopt the Proclamation of Freedom to Read Week and proclaim February 24 - March 02, 1997, Freedom to Read Week in Burnaby.

**REPORT**

At its meeting held 1997 January 23, 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 24 to March 02, 1997, 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 24 to March 02, 1997, 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, beliefs, 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 Canadian Book and Periodical Development Council and the British Columbia Library Association Intellectual Freedom Committee are sponsoring Freedom to Read Week from February 24 to March 2, 1997, in order to celebrate and defend these freedoms;
- Now therefore I, Douglas P. Drummond, Mayor of Burnaby, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the period of February 24 to March 2, 1997 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.