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Manager's Report No.	12
Council Meeting	97/04/21

TO: CITY MANAGER 1997 APRIL 16

FROM: DIRECTOR, PLANNING AND BUILDING OUR FILE: 04.310

**SUBJECT: 1996 POPULATION AND DWELLING UNIT COUNTS FOR BURNABY**

PURPOSE: To inform Council of the new population and dwelling unit counts for Burnaby as reported by Statistics Canada in the first release of information for the 1996 Census

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** this report be received for the information of Council.

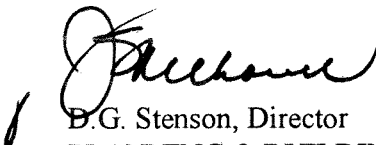
**REPORT**

On 1997 April 15, Statistics Canada announced its first release of information gathered in the 1996 Census. Burnaby's population increased by 12.8 percent (20,351 people) from a 1991 population of 158,858 to a 1996 population of 179,209. The number of residential units increased by 10 percent (6,298 units) from 62,755 units in 1991 to 69,053 units in 1996. These figures would indicate that there has been a slight increase in household size in Burnaby although more detailed information on households will not be released until June 1998.

The GVRD's population increased by 14.3 percent from a 1991 population of 1,603,000 to a 1996 population of 1,831,665. The number of dwelling units increased by 14.5 percent from 609,000 units in 1991 to 697,429 units in 1996.

Information gathered in the 1996 Census on population and dwelling unit counts will be used to determine the level of funding Burnaby receives from the Provincial government and is an essential element in assessing Burnaby's share of water, sewer and other services. This information is also used to determine the level of representation Burnaby is allowed on several Boards and Commissions.

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