

TO : CITY MANAGER DATE: 1997 APRIL 03

FROM : ACTING DIRECTOR RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

SUBJECT : BURNABY ART GALLERY COLLECTION STORAGE ISSUE

PURPOSE : To provide information on the storage of the Burnaby Art Gallery permanent collection of art works at the Burnaby Village Museum.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the attached report be received for information.

REPORT

At its meeting of 1997 April 02, the Parks and Recreation Commission received the attached staff report on the above subject and adopted the five recommendations contained therein.



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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT approval be granted for the storage of the Burnaby Art Gallery permanent collection of art works at the Burnaby Village Museum.
2. THAT costs incurred for this move of the collection from the Ceperley Mansion to the Burnaby Village Museum be borne by the Burnaby Art Gallery.
3. THAT \$10,000 granted in 1996 for improvements to the storage area in the Ceperley Mansion be reassigned as outlined in this report.
4. THAT the Burnaby Art Gallery Board be notified of this opportunity to relocate the collection to Burnaby Village Museum.
5. THAT Council receive this report for information.

REPORT

In response to a motion of Council on this subject on 1997 March 24, an investigation was conducted into the feasibility of moving the permanent collection of art works of the Burnaby Art Gallery from the Ceperley Mansion into the Burnaby Village Museum.

The permanent collection of works on paper is currently stored in a controlled area in the Ceperley Mansion basement in solander cases on metal racks with temperature and humidity monitoring equipment in the room. This collection is the priority for moving to the Museum and constitutes approximately 306 cubic feet of storage space. In addition, 144 cubic feet of storage area is needed for sculptural and other three-dimensional pieces, for a total of 450 cubic feet of storage space needs.

The Burnaby Village Museum Conservator has assessed the space currently available and in use at the Museum in the environmentally controlled areas of the Administration Building. It has been concluded that some Museum artifacts can be moved to different locations in this area to allow for storage of the entire 450 cubic foot requirement of the permanent collection art works.

This controlled area also houses the community, City and Museum archives, and will shortly be filled to capacity while needs for environmentally controlled space grows.

Once the collection is moved, the Gallery staff have indicated that they will relocate some exhibit preparation equipment to the vacated space in the basement of the Ceperley Mansion and be able to house incoming and outgoing works for exhibitions. It is logical that unless a better storage area is secured or constructed, the collection would not be returned to the lower grade conditions at the Ceperley Mansion. These artworks will be accessible by Gallery staff under scheduling agreements with Museum staff, to complete work on condition, reports, photography, restoration work and related activities.

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It is further recommended that a portion of the \$10,000 provided by Commission to the Gallery in 1996 be reassigned by the Gallery to purchase additional solander cases for collection storage needs rather than for extensive renovations to the Ceperley basement which will no longer be a priority with this move. Financing the move and further documenting the collection in the months ahead will be at the Gallery's expense.

The transfer of the collection can commence within the month of April once confirmation has been received from the Burnaby Art Gallery Board.

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