

TO: MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

JULY 08, 1998

FROM: HIS WORSHIP, MAYOR DRUMMOND

SUBJECT: **COMMUNITY LEADERS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

PURPOSE: To obtain Council approval for an official visit to the City of Gatineau, Quebec in connection with Burnaby's participation in the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Community Leaders Partnership Program

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council authorize the signing of the Protocol Agreement on behalf of the City agreeing to the guidelines set by the Community Leaders Partnership Program which include the requirement for exchanges in the form of reciprocal visits.

REPORT

At the Regular Council Meeting held on June 01, 1998, Council received a report on the Community Leaders Partnership Program and adopted a recommendation agreeing to become a formal participant in the Program and partner with the City of Gatineau, Quebec. One of the requirements of partnership is to participate in an exchange program which would see a Burnaby delegation travel to Gatineau and in turn host a delegation from Gatineau. Both of these exchanges must occur prior to March 31, 1999 in order to qualify for benefits under the program.

The Program is a cost-shared initiative, financially supported by a partnership which includes the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, the Government of Canada (Canada Information Office) and the Royal Bank of Canada. Under the Program, Burnaby will receive the cost of the airfare for up to seven (7) delegates.

During the F.C.M. Conference held in Regina the first week of June, Councillors Young, Evans and Lawson met with members of the Gatineau City Council and tentative plans were set for the exchanges. Burnaby would visit Gatineau in the Fall of 1998 and host a delegation from Gatineau in the early months of 1999.

A requirement of the Program is the signing of a Protocol Agreement and this report is recommending that this be done in order that plans can be finalized for the exchanges.

Respectfully submitted,

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