

**REPORT**  
**1999 NOVEMBER 01**

CITY OF BURNABY  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL  
(MILLENNIUM PROJECTS)

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

The Executive Committee of Council submits the following recommendations for Council's approval:

**#5 Michael J. Fox Theatre Lobby Expansion Project**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT Council approve Millennium project funding in the amount of \$5,000 to assist with the cost of expanding the Michael J. Fox Theatre Lobby.

**R E P O R T**

The Executive Committee of Council, at its meeting held on 1999 October 18, reviewed a request from the Theatre at Burnaby South Society asking for funding assistance to expand the Michael J. Fox Theatre Lobby.

In the six years since the Theatre opened, it has become a vibrant gathering place for community-based groups, commercial groups and School District 41 Burnaby. A steady schedule of multi-cultural performances, dance, theatre, music and other community events make it one of the busiest theatre venues in the lower mainland. With this growth and to meet the demands of approximately 120,000 patrons each year, it has become necessary to expand the theatre lobby.

Arising from discussion, the Executive Committee of Council supported funding in the amount of \$5,000 for this project.

CC:   -CITY MANAGER -DIRECTOR FINANCE
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## **#6 The Lorita Leung Dance Association**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT Council approve Millennium project funding in the amount of \$1,000 to assist with the cost of staging a major production called *"Gold Mountain"* in the Michael J. Fox Theatre in 2000 September.

### **REPORT**

An application was received from the Lorita Leung Dance Association requesting a grant to defray the cost of staging a major production called *"Gold Mountain"* which chronicles the obstacles and successes of Chinese people in Canada.

The Lorita Leung Dancers have been promoting, preserving and enhancing Chinese dance in Canada since 1970. The group has an extensive repertoire of authentic Classical, Folk and Minority dances as well as Modern Chinese dance. The Lorita Leung Dancers are currently regarded by China as the leading Chinese Dance performing group in North America.

This will be the first time the group has mounted a full length production in Burnaby. The event represents an excellent opportunity to increase awareness of Chinese dance and promote a better understanding of the diverse nature of Chinese culture.

Arising from discussion, the Executive Committee of council supported funding in the amount of \$1,000 for the event.

## **#7 Burnaby Association for the Mentally Handicapped**

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT Council approve Millennium Project funding in the amount of \$1,500 to assist with the production costs of a book regarding the history of the community living movement in Burnaby.

### **REPORT**

The Executive Committee of Council, at its meeting held on 1999 October 18, received a request from the Burnaby Association for the Mentally Handicapped for funding assistance to produce a high quality illustrated book which tells the stories of a cross section of people with disabilities and their families. Together these stories will portray the history of people

with disabilities and the community living movement in Burnaby. The richness and diversity of the people of Burnaby make the project representative of the story of the community living movement across British Columbia and across Canada.

Arising from discussion, the Executive Committee of Council supported funding in the amount of \$1,500 for the book.

#### **#8 The Clef Society of Burnaby**

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT this Millennium project grant application be denied.

##### **REPORT**

The Clef Society of Burnaby submitted an application requesting Millennium project funding for a commissioned choral piece with Burnaby as the theme. The composer of choice would be Michael Conway-Baker, a recipient of the order of British Columbia and well known for his work in film and television. The Choir and soloists would be chosen by renowned adjudicators at the Clef Society's Annual Choir and Music Festivals held in May 2000. The choral piece would be performed at the annual Vancouver Symphony Concert to be held at Deer Lake Park in the Summer of the year 2000.

The Executive Committee of Council recommends that this Millennium project grant application be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D.R. Corrigan,  
Chair

Councillor D.G. Evans,  
Member

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