

**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:

#1 Environment & Waste Management Committee Millennium Project

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council support the Environment & Waste Management Committee Millennium project for development of the Fraser Foreshore Interpretive Lookout and that Capital contingency in the amount of \$20,000 be used to complete the funding for this project.
2. THAT the proposed environmental events and activities identified in this report be incorporated into the City's registry of Millennium celebrations once further details are available and approved by Council.

REPORT

The Executive Committee, at its meeting held on 1999 September 13, completed its review of proposed Millennium projects from the Environment & Waste Management Committee. Arising from discussion, the Executive Committee endorsed development of the Fraser Foreshore Interpretive Lookout.

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The Executive Committee noted that an interpretive lookout structure has been previously proposed along the Fraser shoreline at the outlet of Sussex Creek in association with the Glenlyon development by Canada Lands Corporation (CLC). The proposed lookout involves an elevated steel boardwalk structure extending from the shoreline into the Fraser River with an elevated lookout component which could integrate interpretative media as part of an overall interpretive program telling the story of the Fraser River estuary ecosystem, cultural history and working waterfront at key nodes in the area including further east at Fraser Foreshore Park and the Terminus Park area. There are currently no similar nearby viewing opportunities and it is felt that such a feature would provide an amenity for employees working in the Glenlyon business park, members of the public, school and other environmental groups.

It is proposed to advance the final design and construction of the lookout and associated interpretive features based on equal contributions by both the City and (CLC) in the amount of \$45,000. CCL has committed to its share subject to the City being an equal contributor. General Revenue funds in the amount of \$25,000 is available and the project is included under the 1999 Environmental Initiatives component of the 1999 - 2003 Capital Budget. However, project expenditures exceeded the budgetary provision by \$20,000. It is recommended that Capital Contingency be used to complete the funding on this project.

In agreeing to the project, the City would be securing a commitment to proceed which will, in turn, provide the confidence for staff and CLC to pursue additional funding opportunities. As additional funds are secured, the respective contributions would then be reduced.

It is further proposed that the following events and activities be incorporated as part of the City's Millennium celebrations and included in the registry of events. Further details on these initiatives will be provided to Council once additional planning has occurred. These events would be implemented as part of the City's environmental stewardship program (based on the State of the Environment Report, SOER) coordinated by staff and are not associated with a funding request.

Environment Week - Millennium Celebration

A special Environment Week celebration during the first week of June 2000 is proposed to provide a means to involve the community in a major way in celebrating Burnaby's environment. A number of special Millennium events are proposed including but not limited to:

Deer Lake Ecofair

A major community environmental celebration is proposed at Deer Lake Park. Some of the potential events include: the release of 2,000 fish (salmonid smolts) targeted primarily in Beaver Creek and potentially other streams, planting of native vegetation, nest box construction, interpretive tours and purple loosestrife removal. Development of a Deer Lake Park Bird Checklist and Natural History Guide with members of the Vancouver Natural History Society has also been proposed.

Planting of 2,000 Trees Throughout Burnaby

Planting of 2,000 trees in riparian areas and open spaces is proposed with the involvement of members of the public, Burnaby Streamkeepers and Burnaby youth from schools. This could take place as part of Environment Week and B.C. Rivers Day and throughout the year at special events. The planting of trees would provide an important legacy for Burnaby's urban forest. Planting approaches could vary but ideas such as planting groves of 100 trees could take place. A significant number of trees may be available through BCIT. Additional sources and sponsors would be sought to provide trees for this event.

Environmental Stars Program

Establishment of an Environmental Stars program has been suggested by the Environment Committee to complement the City's Environment Awards program which acknowledges outstanding environmental achievements. The Environmental Stars program would seek to acknowledge notable environmental achievements representing the more frequent, but non-the-less, important environmental works by the community. The Millennium celebration provides an excellent opportunity to kick-off this program and recognize numerous good works in the City which may serve as a stepping stone to the City's Environment Awards program.

B.C. Rivers Day

Similar to Environment Week, an expanded program to involve a broad spectrum of the community would be anticipated as part of the Millennium celebrations for B.C. Rivers Day during the last Sunday of September 2000. Activities identified above for Environment Week including the release of 2000 salmonoids and planting of 2,000 trees would also take place as part of B.C. Rivers Day celebrations. Additional preliminary activities may include:

- participation in the "Spirit of the Salmon Swim" event along the Fraser River which involves many municipalities and groups in celebrating and recognizing the significance of the Fraser River.

- participation in BCIT - Burnaby Lake Systems Project "Watershed Pledge" program involving a major campaign to raise awareness on the sensitivity of our watersheds and fish habitat and the need to implement best management practices.

In conclusion, the Executive Committee recommended that the Environment & Waste Management Committee Millennium proposals as discussed in this report be forwarded to Council for approval.

#2 Community Heritage Commission Millennium Project

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council approve funding in the amount of \$16,000 through Operating Contingency for the preparation and distribution of a map of historic sites in Burnaby as the Community Heritage Commission Millennium project.

REPORT

The Executive Committee of Council, at its meeting held on 1999 September 13, completed its review of proposed Millennium projects from the Community Heritage Commission. Arising from discussion, the Executive Committee endorsed development of an historic sites map of Burnaby.

The Executive Committee noted that one of the limitations of heritage appreciation in the City is the fact that there is not a broad awareness of all the historic sites, buildings and landscapes in the City. There is no readily accessible source of information about heritage resources in Burnaby. One of the objectives of the Community Heritage Commission has been, since its inception, to promote awareness of the history of Burnaby. A brochure sized map of the City that lists designated buildings, areas of heritage interest, historic sites, landscapes and other features could be used to interpret the history of Burnaby for the Millennium. It is proposed that a heritage map of Burnaby be prepared as a Millennium project. The map would be distributed to schools, community centres and public places.

The costs are estimated as follows:

Research and Text Writing	\$8,000
Design and Artwork:	2,000
Printing of 10,000 copies (two colour)	<u>6,000</u>
Total estimated cost:	\$16,000

It is recommended that Operating Contingency be used to fund the \$16,000 expenditure.

The Executive Committee concluded by noting that this Community Heritage Commission Millennium project would provide celebration of an important aspect of Burnaby's development in the past 109 years.

Respectfully submitted,

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