

**REPORT**  
**2000 JULY 5**

**CITY OF BURNABY**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL**

**HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR**  
**AND COUNCILLORS**

**RE: GRANT APPLICATION**

**#15 /2000     *BURNABY ART GALLERY ASSOCIATION***

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1.     **THAT** Council award a grant in the amount of \$ 20,000, less \$1,441.83 representing an outstanding invoice payable to the City, to the Burnaby Art Gallery Association to assist with costs associated with the transition of the Gallery to operating independently from the City.
2.     **THAT** Council direct staff to include in Annual Operating Budgets the following grant funds for the Burnaby Art Gallery Association: 2001 January, \$15,000, 2002 January, \$10,000, 2003 January, \$5,000.

**REPORT**

The Executive Committee of Council at its meetings of 2000 May 15<sup>th</sup> and 2000 June 16<sup>th</sup> considered an application from the Burnaby Art Gallery Association for an operating grant of \$25,000.

For the information of Council, since 1999, the Burnaby Art Gallery Association has been working toward operating an Art Gallery independently of the City of Burnaby. Prior to 1999 January, the City provided an operating grant of up to \$240,000 to the Burnaby Art Gallery Association for the costs of staffing and funding their program operation at the City's Ceperley Mansion. The City of Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services now operates the gallery at Ceperley House with the staff previously employed by the Burnaby Art Gallery Association. The Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission have appointed a Visual Arts Board in order to provide programming direction to the Department's Art Gallery staff.

<b>CC:   -CITY MANAGER</b> <b>      -DIRECTOR FINANCE</b>
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In 1999 May 20<sup>th</sup>, a legal agreement was reached between the City and the Burnaby Art Gallery Association which resulted in the City being acknowledged as the sole owner of the City Permanent Art Collection. Ownership of the Permanent Art Collection had been in dispute. Part of the agreement included providing to the Burnaby Art Gallery Association access to the Collection for exhibiting purposes. The legal agreement included a one time payment of \$25,000 by the City to the Burnaby Art Gallery Association for the purpose of assisting the Association in the costs associated with exhibiting the City's Collection.

It is important to note that the agreement between the City and the Burnaby Art Gallery Association does not contractually obligate the City to continue ongoing funding.

The Executive Committee in consideration of the subject grant application directed staff to meet with the President of the Burnaby Art Gallery Association, review financial records and discuss means to support the Association with the view of achieving their goal of operating independently from the City.

After reviewing the findings of staff, the Executive Committee is recommending to Council that a grant of \$20,000 be awarded to the Burnaby Art Gallery Association. The Executive Committee in making this recommendation has taken into consideration the initial costs associated with the Burnaby Art Gallery Association's move toward operating an independent gallery at their current location, 1895 Willingdon Avenue and the ongoing expense of exhibiting the City's Permanent Art Collection in a variety of Burnaby locations.

Staff have also recommended that in order to provide the Burnaby Art Gallery Association with the ability to financially plan their operation in the next three years, that Council give direction to include in the City's Operating Budget grants of the following amounts: 2001 January, \$15,000, 2002 January \$10,000, 2003 January \$5,000.

This financial assistance will assist the Association in moving toward their goal of financial independence from the City. The Executive Committee has requested staff to continuing pursuing with the Burnaby Art Gallery Association available public amenity space for their use as an exhibiting gallery.

Respectfully submitted,

N. Volkow,  
Chair

D.R. Corrigan,  
Member

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Member