

CITY OF BURNABY
COMMUNITY ISSUES AND SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

RE: BURNABY ACCESS GUIDEBOOK 2001

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council receive the attached report for information.

REPORT

The Community Issues and Social Planning Committee, at its meeting held on 2000 November 22, received the attached report seeking endorsement for draft guidelines for the use of community rooms included in new developments through the rezoning process.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D. Johnston
Chair

Councillor N. Harris
Vice Chair

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TO: COMMUNITY ISSUES AND
SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 14, 2000

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

OUR FILE: 17.908

SUBJECT: BURNABY ACCESS GUIDEBOOK 2001

PURPOSE: To inform the Committee and Council of the imminent publication and distribution of the Burnaby Access Guidebook 2001.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** this report be received for information.

R E P O R T

1.0 BACKGROUND

At its meeting of 2000 March 22, the Committee received an information report which outlined the 2000 workplan of Burnaby's Access Advisory Committee. The Access Advisory Committee assists Planning Department staff to research and develop proposals to improve access in Burnaby for persons with disabilities. The Committee is composed of Burnaby residents who are disabled, as well as City staff from several departments. The workplan report was referred to Council for information, and was approved at Council's meeting of 2000 April 3.

One of the items noted in the Access Advisory Committee's 2000 workplan was the production of an updated version of the Burnaby Access Guidebook. The Burnaby Access Guidebook, first produced in 1991 and last updated in 1996, is intended to assist Burnaby residents with disabilities to access City facilities and services. This report provides information on the publication and distribution of the Burnaby Access Guidebook 2001.

2.0 BURNABY ACCESS GUIDEBOOK 2001

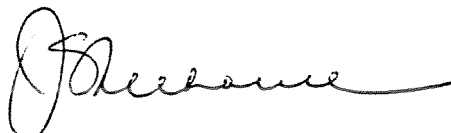
Past versions of the Burnaby Access Guidebook have provided facility-specific information for City-operated facilities on parking, entry points, interior access, washrooms, and special

services and equipment (such as TDD [Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf] telephones and Braille inscriptions in elevators), which are of interest to persons with a range of disabilities. Barriers that may present a problem for people with disabilities have also been noted. Information has been presented in map, as well as text, format. While the original 1991 version of the Guidebook included information on City facilities only, the 1996 version was expanded to include a section on the Metrotown Core Area (the three main shopping centres in Metrotown), given the Core Area's importance as Burnaby Regional Town Centre.

Information on the Metrotown Core Area will also appear in the 2001 version of the Guidebook, along with information on thirty-seven City-operated buildings. The 2001 version of the Guidebook has also been expanded to include information on two City-operated playgrounds which have been designed for use by children with disabilities, and four City-developed urban trails considered suitable for wheelchair access. The 2001 version also includes, for the first time, information on reaching all facilities and amenities by accessible public transportation, and information on the location of audible traffic signals. As in the past, the Guidebook also outlines general information on sidewalk curb cuts, designated parking stalls, audible traffic signals, wheelchair accessible taxicab service, wheelchair accessible bus service, and handiDART, Translink's custom transit service for wheelchair users. A typical entry for a City-owned facility in the Burnaby Access Guidebook 2001 is *attached* as Appendix 1 for information.

It is expected that a limited number of paper versions of the Burnaby Access Guidebook 2001 will be ready for distribution free of charge to organizations representing people with disabilities and to Burnaby residents with disabilities by mid-December 2000. The Guidebook will also be made available on the City's website.

This report is for the information of the Committee and Council.



D.G. Stenson, Director
PLANNING AND BUILDING

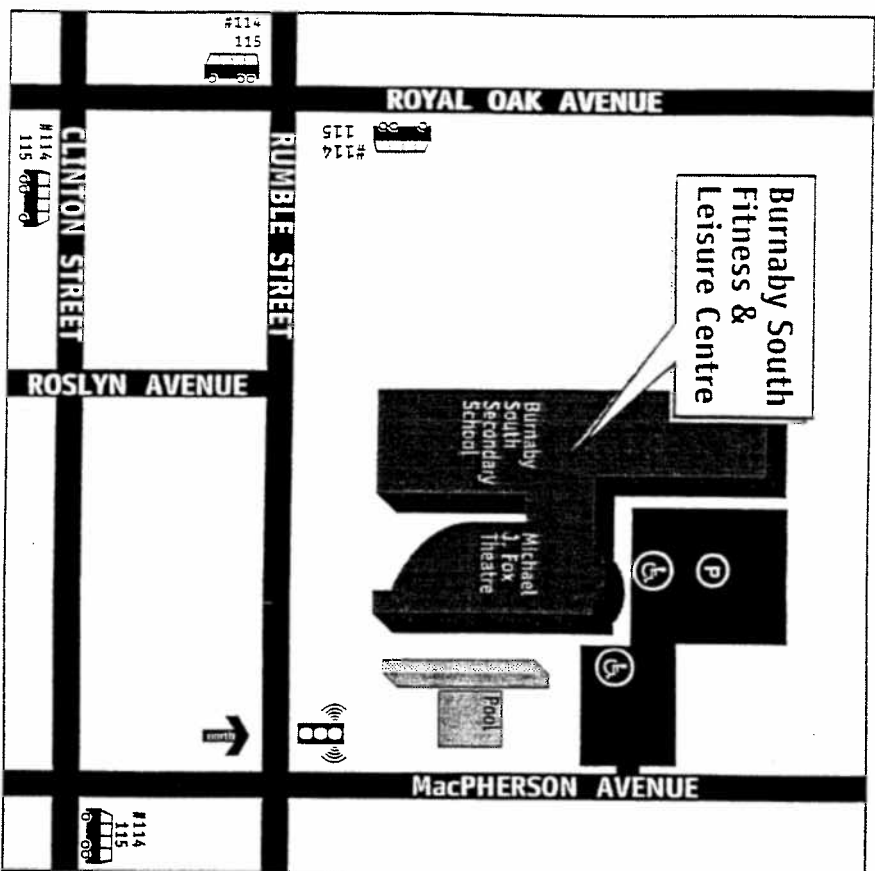
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Attachment

cc: City Manager
Director Engineering
Director Finance
Director Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
Officer-in-Charge, RCMP

18. BURNABY SOUTH FITNESS & LEISURE CENTRE

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PARKING

Parking at Burnaby South Fitness & Leisure Centre is located off MacPherson Avenue. There are three designated parking stalls, one of which is located near the entrance to Burnaby South Secondary School. The other two stalls are located adjacent to Michael J. Fox Theatre.

ENTRY/INTERIOR ACCESS

The Fitness & Leisure Centre is located inside Burnaby South Secondary School and is open to the public in off-school hours. Main entry doors to the school are not automatic. The Centre's two gymnasiums are on the first floor of the school, and are wheelchair accessible. The weight room, wrestling room, dance room and indoor track are located on the second floor of the school. They are accessible by elevator. The entrance to the facilities on the upper floor has automatic doors.

WASHROOMS

Washrooms and showers, which are located on the main floor of the school, are wheelchair accessible.

PUBLIC TRANSIT

The Fitness & Leisure Centre is served by accessible bus routes #114 and #115. Wheelchair accessible bus stops for both routes are located at Royal Oak Avenue and Rumble Street (about a block from the Centre). Accessible stops are also located at Royal Oak Avenue and Clinton Street (about three blocks from the Centre) for eastbound service, and at Clinton Street at Macpherson Avenue (about one block from the Centre) for west-bound service.

NOTES

- The Fitness & Leisure Centre is open to the public after school hours and on Saturdays. Please call 433-1166 for specific times.