

CITY OF BURNABY

ENVIRONMENT AND WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS

RE: BC RIVERS DAY 2000 EVENT RECOGNITION

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council receive this report for information.
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to the Byrne Creek Streamkeepers, 6392 Neville Street, Burnaby, B.C. V5E 1A6.

REPORT

The Environment and Waste Management Committee, at its Open meeting held on 2001 April 10, received the *attached* report advising that the City and Byrne Creek Streamkeepers received an award from the Outdoor Recreation Council of B.C. for the BC Rivers Day 2000 "Stream of Dreams" event. The Committee noted that this event was undertaken to commemorate the death of 5,000 fish three years ago in Byrne Creek and to highlight the connection between every household and the creek via the storm sewer system.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D. Johnston
Chair

Councillor C. Redman
Vice Chair

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Councillor B. Der
Member

TO: CHAIR & MEMBERS
ENVIRONMENT & WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

March 8, 2001

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

OUR FILE: 11.801

SUBJECT: BC RIVERS DAY 2000 EVENT RECOGNITION

PURPOSE: To apprise the Committee of recognition received by the Outdoor Recreation Council of BC for the BC Rivers Day 2000 Stream of Dreams event.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to the Byrne Creek Streamkeepers, 6392 Neville Street, Burnaby, B.C. V5E 1A6.

REPORT

On September 23, 2000, the City and the Byrne Creek Streamkeepers sponsored the Stream of Dreams event as part of the City's BC Rivers Day 2000 event program. The Stream of Dreams is the production of wooden painted fish by the community for the fence of the vacant, City-owned property at Kingsway and Edmonds Street. The project was undertaken to both commemorate the death of 5,000 fish three years ago in Byrne Creek and to highlight the connection between every household and the creek via the storm sewer system. The Byrne Creek Streamkeepers have conducted numerous workshops to paint the fish, each of which has included an interpretive walk of the creek as well as hands-on painting activity. The workshops have included elementary students, teen groups, seniors and local businesses.

Each year the Outdoor Recreation Council of B.C. (ORC), the sponsoring organization of BC Rivers Day, recognizes significant events in a number of categories. Some 40,000 people across the province participated in various events in last year's celebration. The "Most Creative Event" was awarded to the City of Burnaby and the Byrne Creek Streamkeepers for the Stream of Dreams project. ORC indicated that the event was "inspiring and unique - an eye-catching way to remind people of their non-human community members."

This report is for the information of the Committee.

D.G. Stenson
for D.G. Stenson, Director
PLANNING AND BUILDING

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cc. City Manager