

**CITY OF BURNABY
COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION**

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS

**SUBJECT: TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAM TO SUPPORT PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC
BUILDINGS**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council write to The Honourable John Manley, Minister of Finance, expressing support for a proposed federal tax incentive program to promote restoration of listed heritage buildings.
2. **THAT** a copy of the letter be sent to The Honourable Sheila Copps, Minister of Canadian Heritage, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Heritage Canada and the Heritage Society of B.C.

REPORT

The Community Heritage Commission is in receipt of a Heritage Canada Foundation brief entitled "Dialogue with Canadians on Heritage in the Twenty-First Century" which was prepared by Heritage Canada in response to a call for further articulation of the federal heritage policy. One of the subjects discussed in the brief was tax incentives to promote restoration of listed heritage buildings.

The Commission discussed the current and potential future loss of listed heritage buildings in Burnaby to demolition and many others to modernization or "updating" and agreed that the loss of these buildings has and will continue to change the face of the community and deprive the City of those structures that tell the story of the City.

Copy: City Manager Director Finance Director Planning and Building
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The Community Heritage Commission supports implementation of a federal tax program which will provide financial incentives towards the restoration of the City's heritage buildings and therefore respectfully requests Council to forward this message of support to the Federal Minister of Finance.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Celest Redman
Chair

Councillor Dan Johnston
Vice Chair