

CITY OF BURNABY

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS

RE: BC RIVERS DAY 2003

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council receive this report for information.

REPORT

The Environment Committee, at its Open meeting held on 2003 September 09, received and adopted the *attached* report providing the schedule of events for BC Rivers Day including Burnaby Mountain Secondary School Clean Up, Explore the Foreshore 2003 at Fraser Foreshore Park, Eagle Creek Storm Drain Marking and Barbeque and Glenlyon Foreshore Park Look-off Dedication.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair

Councillor P. Calendino
Vice Chair

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Member

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TO: CHAIR & MEMBERS
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

2003 SEPTEMBER 04

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

OUR FILE: 11.801

SUBJECT: BC RIVERS DAY 2003

PURPOSE: To provide the schedule of events for BC Rivers Day in Burnaby.

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1.0 BACKGROUND

Sunday, September 28 marks the 23rd anniversary of BC Rivers Day. Throughout the province, citizens, local community and environmental groups, government agencies and educational institutions organize river-related events and invite members of the public to participate in appreciating, protecting and enhancing B.C. waterways. At its regular meeting of 2003 August 11, Council approved, in principle, a preliminary list of community events for BC Rivers Day sponsored by the City and its community partners. This report provides the details of the final program of events.

2.0 RIVERS DAY EVENT SCHEDULE

Burnaby Mountain Secondary School Clean Up

Thursday, September 25

Burnaby Mountain Secondary School students and staff will conduct the third annual cleanup of the school grounds and surrounding neighbourhood. The entire student body participates, and focuses on the school grounds and trails and paths on which the students typically travel to school. As this school is located near a salmon-bearing stream and significant riparian area, it is particularly important that the students be sensitive to and take responsibility for their local environment.

"Explore the Foreshore 2003" at Fraser River Foreshore Park

Sunday, September 28, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The City, in conjunction with BCIT - Burnaby Lake System Project, will again be hosting the third annual "Explore the Foreshore" event at Fraser River Foreshore Park. A number of activities are planned for the day, including:

- displays by local environmental groups and agencies;
- games, arts and crafts by the Potters' Guild, SFU, Burnaby Mountain Secondary School and BCIT;
- hands-on exploration of watersheds and fish;
- slide show presentations regarding various aspects of watersheds, including one presentation in Mandarin;
- entertainment;
- the REMAX hot air balloon, which will offer rides to the public; and
- a salmon barbeque, sponsored by Canada Lands Company (at 2:00 p.m.).

In addition, the first Trees For Life 10K Fun Run is scheduled at 8:30 a.m., with the start/finish line for the run located at the Fraser River Foreshore Park.

***Eagle Creek Storm Drain Marking and Barbeque
Sunday, September 28 (Time TBC)***


The Eagle Creek Streamkeepers will be hosting a barbeque and storm drain marking session at the Greystone Shopping Centre. This is an awareness raising event for residents in the area, and will include water quality sampling and a trapping (and release) of fish in the area from Eagle Creek.

***Glenlyon Foreshore Park Look-off Dedication
Wednesday, October 08, Noon***

Canada Lands Company, in conjunction with the City, is hosting a formal dedication of the Glenlyon Foreshore Park Look-off. Light refreshments will be served. Canada Lands and the City jointly funded the development of the look-off.

3.0 CONCLUSION

BC Rivers Day provides an opportunity for residents, businesses, local community and environmental groups, government agencies and educational institutions to increase awareness, appreciation and stewardship of our streams and waterways. With the support of Council, the Environment Committee and the City's community partners, including CUPE Local 23, a variety of events have been scheduled to meet these objectives. The events will be advertised in both local papers, the Georgia Straight, WestCoast Families magazine and on the City's web page. This schedule of events is provided for the information of Council.


for J.S. Belhouse, Director
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