

CITY OF BURNABY

COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: BURNABY COMMUNITY HERITAGE REGISTER  
Phase II Statements of Significance**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council receive this report for information.

**REPORT**

The Community Heritage Commission, at its meeting held on 2004 September 08, received and adopted the *attached* report approving the implementation of a Federal/Provincial "Historic Places Initiative" grant to complete the Statements of Significance of privately-owned heritage properties listed on the Burnaby Community Heritage Register.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Celest Redman  
Chair

Councillor Sav Dhaliwal  
Vice Chair

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**TO:** COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION 2004 August 31  
**FROM:** DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING OUR FILE: 77000 05  
**SUBJECT:** BURNABY COMMUNITY HERITAGE REGISTER  
Phase II Statements of Significance

**PURPOSE:** To approve the implementation of a Federal / Provincial “Historic Places Initiative” grant to complete the Statements of Significance of privately-owned heritage properties listed on the Burnaby Community Heritage Register.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** the Community Heritage Commission approve the implementation of a Federal / Provincial “Historic Places Initiative” grant to complete 15 Statements of Significance of privately-owned heritage properties listed on the Burnaby Community Heritage Register.
2. **THAT** this report be sent to Council for their information.

**R E P O R T**

**1.0 BACKGROUND**

At their regular meeting of 2003 May 26, Council adopted a report from the Community Heritage Commission that outlined the creation of a new Burnaby Community Heritage Register and a funding application to the Historic Places Initiative to create new Statements of Significance. This report provides an update on the project and includes the a new proposal to complete Phase II of the project with a grant awarded to the City of Burnaby.

**2.0 CANADIAN HISTORIC PLACE INITIATIVE**

In 2000, the Department of Canadian Heritage and Parks Canada began a new national strategy for the conservation of heritage - The Historic Places Initiative. The strategy has been widely promoted as a partnership among all levels of government to bring Canada’s heritage conservation programs up to date and in line with other ‘G7’ national governments.

The goals of the initiative are that:

- Canadians will build a culture of heritage conservation.
- Governments will work together to achieve common goals.

- Canadians will have the basic tools to protect historic places.
- The Government of Canada will become a model custodian of historic places.

There are two projects currently underway as the initial phase of the Federal Initiative that will affect the City:

### **2.1 Canadian Register of Historic Places**

A federal-provincial-territorial working group, assisted by a variety of professional and technical experts, has succeeded in developing the criteria for a new Canadian Register of Historic Places.

This will be a “register of registers” which will bring together, in one on-line data base, information on historic places designated by federal, provincial and territorial governments as well as aboriginal groups. Council adopted the Burnaby Heritage Register in 2003 which will automatically be added to the Provincial and Canadian registers.

When the Canadian Register is up and running in 2004, it will include a list of approximately 20,000 historic sites all across the country. The Register will be an important internet-based source that will provide easier access to information, encourage greater awareness of designated historic places and their significance in the shaping of Canada. The Register will also be extremely helpful to those interested in learning and in heritage tourism. Inclusion of properties on the Register could be used in the future to determine eligibility for possible future Federal financial incentives. The Register will provide a nationwide framework of information to everyone from history students to planners, policymakers, and community organizations.

### **2.2 Federal/Provincial Funding Program: Canadian Historic Places Initiative**

In order to implement the Canadian Historic Places Initiative in British Columbia, the Federal Government has provided a funds to the Provincial Government for distribution to municipal governments in 2004. The project is being administered by the Provincial Heritage Branch. Selected municipal governments have been requested to participate in the program.

The City of Burnaby was again invited by the B.C. Heritage Branch to participate in the program’s second year of operation. The application to the Canadian Historic Places Initiative for funding was successful. Burnaby has received a \$15,000 grant to create 15 “Statements of Significance” and electronic entries for the Burnaby Community Heritage Register, which will be linked to the Canadian Heritage Register. It was determined by staff to select the 13 remaining protected heritage buildings which are privately-owned heritage properties on the community register. Additionally, two privately-owned properties from

the Inventory category were selected for inclusion because of their imminent “Heritage Designation” protection through recently approved Council rezoning and land-use designations (See *Attachment 1*).

This heritage information will form a new Burnaby heritage resource database that will be integrated into the Canadian Historic Places Register system and managed by the Planning Department heritage staff. City staff are now working toward implementing the information to form a new on-line Heritage Register on the City of Burnaby’s website. This work will also include an interactive new heritage layer for the Burnaby webmap which will be linked with the new Heritage Register.

The total project cost to hire a heritage consultant to complete the research and writing component and database entries is \$15,000 and will be funded entirely by the Canadian Historic Places Initiative Contribution.

### **2.3 *Burnaby’s Community Heritage Register - Notification to private property owners***

The City of Burnaby began protecting privately-owned heritage properties through the legal heritage by-law designation process as outlined in the Local Government Act and its successor legislation as early as 1977. During this public process, the property owner receives full notification of the designation and in the City of Burnaby’s practice, has consented to the by-law. As Heritage Designation by-laws are listed on the land title documentation of subject properties, subsequent owners are made aware of Heritage Designation at the time of their purchase.

All Heritage Designation by-laws are managed by the Provincial Heritage Registrar based in Victoria who manages the ongoing compilation and publication of all heritage designation properties in British Columbia. With this position is the statutory authority to publish the information regarding all heritage properties protected by Provincial Statutes. As the manager of the new B.C. Heritage Register, the Provincial Heritage Registrar will have the ability to update and list all designated properties, including those privately-owned site in the City of Burnaby on the new National Heritage Register which will be a web-based public document.

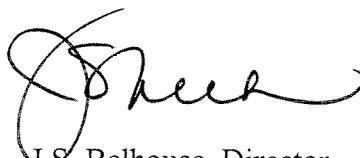
In order to comply with the new standards of documentation the City of Burnaby will supply the new Statements of Significance for its designated heritage sites for listing on these public documents. Although the permission of owners for listing this public information is not required, Planning Staff will provide written notification to all current owners of designated heritage sites. We will ensure that all property owners are provided with the information about the new Canadian Heritage Register and the City of Burnaby’s role in this process. It should be noted that no personal or private information regarding property ownership will be included in any of the documentation listed on the registers.

It should also be noted that the existing properties listed on the Community Heritage Register are already protected Municipal heritage sites. The listing of these properties on the provincial and national heritage registers will not change or alter their current protection status. Any alteration to the physical character or status of these heritage properties will continue to be governed by the authority of Burnaby City Council.

### 3.0 CONCLUSION

The Canadian Historic Places Initiative funding program offers the City of Burnaby considerable scope to update and enhance the City of Burnaby's Community Heritage Register. The additional information will assist the City and community to manage its heritage resources and provide a vital new internet-based tool to our heritage program. The database created for a national audience will provide Burnaby's heritage with a higher profile and the City may benefit from additional heritage tourism visits due to information about our sites being much more widely accessible. In the future the properties listed in the registry will be eligible for any Federal financial incentives that may be introduced.

The Burnaby Heritage Register will grow to become one of the most important tools to identify and to manage heritage with the cooperation of governments and citizens. Through the addition of city-owned heritage resources to the Community Register, the City of Burnaby will demonstrate the role of the Register to the public and private owners of significant heritage resources. A future report to the Heritage Commission will be prepared outlining further initiatives to utilize the "Historic Places Initiative" funding to continue the process of updating the City of Burnaby's Community Heritage Register.



I.S. Belhouse, Director  
PLANNING AND BUILDING

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#### *Attachments (1)*

cc: City Manager  
Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

**Burnaby Community Heritage Register Update, Phase II  
Protected Heritage Properties that have been identified for new "Statements of Significance"**

3765 Albert Street	H.D. Morrison House	Built in 1912 this Classical Revival styled house is an early example of its kind in the Heights neighbourhood.
6445 Arbroath Street	John & Christina Mackie House "The Gables"	This is an unusual cross-gambrel roof Arts & Crafts style house incorporates local rough-cut granite and is one of the few remaining homes of the "Gilley Park" subdivision.
7640 Berkley Drive	Joseph Wintemute House	Built c.1892 this is one of the oldest homes in the City and an excellent example of a Victorian vernacular styled farmhouse.
5170 Boundary Road	Minerva Coburn House	Built in 1909 this is one of the landmark homes in the Central Park neighborhood and is an excellent example of a Classic Revival styled farmhouse.
5573 Buckingham Avenue	J. D. Shearer House	Built in 1912 this home is an excellent example of the Arts & Crafts style and a landmark home of the Buckingham Avenue neighborhood.
3555 Douglas Road	Frederick & Edna Cunningham House	Built in 1923 this house is a good example of an Arts & Crafts styled residence and is a landmark in the Douglas Road neighborhood.
7106 Eighteenth Avenue	D. C. Patterson House	Built in 1910 this house is a good example of a pattern-book vernacular Edwardian residence, and was home to a pioneer Burnaby family.
7244 Fourth Avenue	E.B. Floden House	Built in 1929 this house is a good example of a Romantic Revival Dutch Colonial styled home, and is a landmark in the East Burnaby neighbourhood.
5152 Kingsway	Andrew Johnson Mansion "Glenedward"	Built in 1912 this Arts & Crafts styled mansion is a Burnaby landmark with its rough cut granite exterior and tiled roof.
3755 McGill Street	C. J. Peter Mansion "Overlynn"	Built in 1909 this is a landmark English Arts & Crafts styled mansion designed by Maclure and Fox with rare surviving interior features and landscaping.

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3762 Thurston Street	J. A. Thurston House "Altese"	Built in 1913 this house is a good example of a large "pattern-book" design in the Arts & Crafts style and is a landmark in the Central Park neighbourhood.
6088 Wilson Avenue	William Wilson House	Built in 1912 this house is a good example of the vernacular Edwardian Classical Revival style and was built by a Burnaby pioneer.
6825 Caribou Road	Stanley and Isabel Picken House	Built in 1929 this Romantic Revival Tudor styled home is a landmark in Burnaby Lake Regional Nature Park.

**Heritage Inventory category sites included in Phase II**

3891 Kingsway	St. John the Divine Anglican Church	Built in 1905 and designed by architect Joseph Bowman this landmark in Burnaby's Metrotown is the City's oldest church structure.
4250 Marine Drive	D.C. MacGregor Estate "Glen-Lyon"	Built in 1902 by Burnaby Councillor and Mayor Duncan MacGregor this Edwardian Mansion is a landmark structure for the City. The adjoining Barn built c. 1939 and designed by the Provincial Architect is the last structure of its kind remaining in Burnaby. The landscape surrounding these structures including the former log pond form a significant heritage resource.

