

TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: MAYOR DEREK R. CORRIGAN
SUBJECT: CELEBRATION OF DIWALI

DATE: 2005 October 19

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the City of Burnaby jointly host a "Celebration of Diwali" at Bonsor Recreation Center on Sunday, 2005 October 30th as set out in this report.

REPORT

The City of Burnaby has been approached by the Indo-Canadian Community to jointly host a "Celebration of Diwali" at Bonsor Recreation Center. The celebration is a Festival of Light which marks the beginning of the sowing season and lunar New Year.

The Indo-Canadian community is providing food and entertainment for the event and the City is sending out the invitations and providing space at the recreation center, with staff assisting in the set up and décor for the festival.

It is estimated the City's portion of costs for this event will be approximately \$2,000. Funds are available within Council's budget to accommodate this event.

Diwali is a very important event in the lives of Indo-Canadians and I hope Council will join me in supporting the rich cultural diversity of our City by co-sponsoring this celebration.

Respectfully submitted,


Derek R. Corrigan
MAYOR

Copy: City Manager
Director Finance
Director Parks, Recreation
and Cultural Services