

CITY OF BURNABY

SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

**RE: ALLOCATION OF SPACE - BURNABY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY
RESOURCE CENTRE**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council approve the allocation of Room 38 at the Burnaby Heights Resource Centre to the Aboriginal Leadership Paragon Society.
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to Aboriginal Leadership Paragon Society, Attention: Eden Green, 1413 Duthie Avenue, Burnaby, B.C., V5A 2R7; Burnaby School District 1 - Adult and Continuing Education, Attention: Franca Zumpano, 5325 Kincaid Street, Burnaby, B.C. V5G 1W2; and Oromiyaan Canadian Society of British Columbia, Attention Dawit Bulcha, 308-2741 East Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C. V5K 1Z8.

R E P O R T

The Social Issues Committee, at its Open meeting held on 2005 March 23, received and adopted the *attached* report regarding a proposal for the allocation of Room 38 at the Burnaby Heights Community Resource Centre. The Committee advised that there were three applicants for Room 38. In the interest of expanding the range of services offered at the centre, the Committee proposed that Room 38 be allocated to the Aboriginal Leadership Paragon Society. The Committee noted that the purpose of this organization is to provide Burnaby Aboriginal children and youth access to outdoor adventure based learning and recreational activities; encourage and assist in the education of Aboriginal students; assist youth in pre-employment and career planning and promote First Nations cultural heritage in the broader community.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D. Johnston
Chair

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TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

2005 March 17

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

OUR FILE:12000-10

**SUBJECT: ALLOCATION OF SPACE -
BURNABY HEIGHTS COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE**

PURPOSE: To present a proposal for the allocation of space at the Burnaby Heights Community Resource Centre.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

In 2005 February, Room 38 at the Burnaby Heights Community Resource Centre was re-advertised for lease. To solicit applications for a new tenant, the available space was advertised in the two local newspapers and in a mail distribution to a broad base of community organizations, community schools and City facilities. Interested applicants were asked to submit a letter of application to the Planning Department by 2005 March 11. This report presents information on the three proposals received.

2.0 AVAILABLE SPACE

As indicated, Room 38 (864 sq. ft.) was advertised for lease. The established 2005 lease rate for office/program space at the Burnaby Heights Resource Centre is \$10.47 per square foot per year.

3.0 APPLICANTS

Aboriginal Leadership Paragon Society

The Aboriginal Leadership Paragon Society (ALPS) is a newly registered non-profit society. Its purpose is to provide Burnaby Aboriginal children and youth access to outdoor adventure based learning and recreational activities; encourage and assist in the education of Aboriginal students; assist youth in pre-employment and career planning and promote First Nations cultural heritage in the broader community. Staff from the Society have worked in partnership with the Burnaby School District's Aboriginal Education Support Team in offering after school academic support to Aboriginal students through the provision of homework clubs, leadership training, life skills facilitation and adventure based learning. Most of the programs take place in the schools attended by the the Aboriginal children and youth. The Society is interested in leasing Room 38 to use as office space for its staff, as well as a resource centre for youth and their parents.

Burnaby School District - Adult and Continuing Education

The Adult and Continuing Education division of Burnaby School District is seeking additional space at Burnaby Heights for its language and job training programs for new immigrants. Staff at the District state that there is a significant demand for the program.

Oromiyaan Canadian Society of British Columbia

The Oromiyaan Society is a registered non-profit society based in Vancouver. It provides settlement, integration and educational services to immigrants from Africa. It states that it has worked in cooperation with neighbourhood houses and other non-profit societies to meet the program needs of its members.

4.0 PROPOSED ALLOCATION

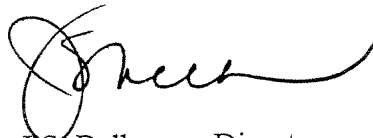
In 1990 July, Council adopted guidelines that provide for the allocation of space at the Resource Centres. As indicated in the guidelines, the space is primarily geared to registered non-profit groups that provide services of benefit to Burnaby residents. The guidelines also seek to encourage a broad range of services within each Resource Centre.

There were three applicants for Room 38. The services provided by the Oromiyaan Society are not directly geared to Burnaby residents. Given its more regional focus, it is proposed that the organization not be given consideration for a space allocation at this time. Of the remaining applicants, the Burnaby School District already occupies ten rooms at the Centre for its English language programs. Therefore, in the interest of expanding the range of

services offered at the Centre, it is proposed that Room 38 be allocated to the Aboriginal Leadership Paragon Society. ALPS is a Burnaby-based registered non-profit society. It will offer a new service geared to Aboriginal children and youth in north Burnaby. Its intended use of the Room 38 is consistent with the guidelines and is compatible with surrounding uses.

5.0 NEXT STEPS

With Council approval of the Committee's recommendation for the allocation of available space at the Burnaby Heights Community Resource Centre, staff would undertake the necessary lease arrangements for the approved tenant. Consistent with Council direction, staff would also advise the tenant of the expected five to ten year life span of the Resource Centre. Once lease arrangements have been finalized, any lease grant applications received from the new tenant would be forwarded to the Executive Committee - Grants for consideration.



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