

**TO:** MEMBERS OF COUNCIL **DATE:** 2007 August 29

**FROM:** MAYOR DEREK R. CORRIGAN

**SUBJECT:** CITIES FIT FOR CHILDREN CONFERENCE

**PURPOSE:** Approval of Councillor attendance of 'Cities Fit for Children' Conference.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** Councillor Gary Begin be authorized to attend the 'Cities Fit for Children Conference' to be held November 01 – 02, 2007 in Kelowna, B.C. and that related expenses be paid by the City of Burnaby.

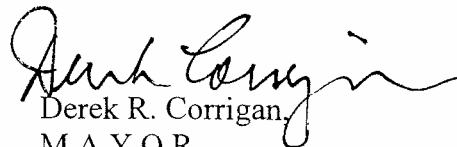
**REPORT**

'Cities Fit for Children' Summit is described as a Provincial Summit of Municipal Leaders who are coming together to increase knowledge of the role of municipal government in enhancing early childhood development. Emphasizing the importance of local partnerships, the focus will be on sharing stories and strategies that will help communities better welcome and nurture young children. Participants represent urban, rural and Aboriginal communities throughout B.C.

The program includes workshops and keynote addresses on such topics as Child Care Planning and Policy, Partnerships in Parks and Recreation, Partnerships with the School System, Neighbourhood Influences on Children's Development, Municipal Policies and Bylaws that promote Children's Development, Livable Cities for Children and Building Cities Fit for Children.

Councillor Begin has requested Council authorization to represent the City of Burnaby at this Summit. Funds are available in the Council travel and conventions budget and expenses are estimated to be less than \$1,000.

Presented for consideration of Council.



Derek R. Corrigan  
MAYOR

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