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**FINANCE AND CIVIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: DONALD BROWN COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICE**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT Council approve the dedication of the new South East Community Police Office with the name of the “Donald Brown Community Police Office” to honour Burnaby Freeman Donald N. Brown.

**REPORT**

The Finance and Civic Development Committee, at its meeting held on 2007 February 22, received and adopted the *attached* report seeking Council’s approval to dedicate the new South East Community Police Office after Burnaby Freeman Donald N. Brown. The facility’s name will be marked with a bronze building plaque and an interpretation display honouring the achievements of Donald Brown which will be unveiled at the dedication ceremony.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D. Johnston  
Chair

Councillor N. Volkow  
Vice Chair

Councillor G. Begin  
Member

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**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
FINANCE AND CIVIC DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE

**DATE:** 2007 February 15

**FROM:** DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING

**FILE:** REZ. 63/97  
*Reference:* 27100 20

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**PURPOSE:** To name the new South East Community Police Office after Burnaby Freeman Donald N. Brown.

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**REPORT****1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The City of Burnaby with the approval of Council, has named many of its civic facilities and a park to honour the City’s Freeman. The opening of the new City-owned South East Community Police Office within the Highgate Village development in the Edmonds Town Centre provides the appropriate opportunity to honour former Burnaby police officer and Freeman Donald N. Brown.

**2.0 FREEMAN DONALD NEIL BROWN**

Born in Birmingham, England, Donald Neil Brown moved to Canada with his family and settled in Winnipeg in 1922. He attended school in that City, but left his Senior Matriculation classes on September 8, 1939 to join the Royal Canadian Engineers – a mere two days before Canada officially declared war on Germany. He served in the army with the Royal Canadian Engineer’s 12th Field Company and saw action both in Sicily and Italy.

In 1947, he left the army to join the ranks of the British Columbia Provincial Police force – embarking on a three-decade long career. His first assignment brought him to the City that he would eventually adopt as home – Burnaby. He served in Burnaby from 1947-1954, first as a member of the BC Police Department and then as a Royal Canadian Mounted Policeman after the Provincial force was absorbed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

In 1954, he was transferred to Regina, Saskatchewan and then on to Ottawa, Ontario to serve in the Crime Detection Laboratories as an Examiner of Questioned Documents. During this time,

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he attained the rank of first Corporal, and then Sergeant in the RCMP. In total, he spent over nine years in Ottawa before being transferred to Vancouver to be the Second in Charge of a new laboratory and head of the Document Section as Staff Sergeant. In 1970, he was transferred to Edmonton to take command of the new Crime Detection Laboratory built to serve Alberta and the Northwest Territories. He was promoted to full Inspector and under his direction, the new Edmonton lab became one of the most utilised in the RCMP.

Transferred back to B.C. and taking up residence in Burnaby in 1975, he became the Officer-in-Charge of a new Vancouver Crime Laboratory and took over the National Police Services pilot project for British Columbia – overseeing work in the areas of computer sciences, laboratory, communications, records, and identification sections. He was rewarded for this work with a promotion to Superintendent in September, 1975.

In 1976, after a distinguished 35 years combined service to the armed forces and the police, he retired and founded his own laboratory to carry on his work in the field of questioned documents. He also decided to become involved in local politics and in 1978 was elected as a School Trustee and then was elected to serve on Council as Alderman from 1979 to 1985. During this time, he was an active community volunteer and he was appointed as Chair of the Burnaby Centennial Committee. His contributions were always supported by his wife Helen, and they were both formally recognized by Burnaby Council in 1992 when they were awarded the Kushiro Cup as Citizens of the Year. In 1993, Donald Brown was awarded Burnaby's highest honour and was made a Freeman of the City of Burnaby.

### 3.0 CONCLUSION

The official opening of the new City-owned Community Police Office in the Edmonds Town Centre provides an appropriate and auspicious opportunity for Council to further recognize Burnaby Freeman Donald Brown through its naming in his honour. The official opening of the facility is now being planned for April, 2007. The facility's name will be marked with a bronze building plaque (*see attachment*) and an interpretation display honouring the achievements of Donald Brown which will be unveiled at the dedication. Once planning for the opening ceremony has been completed Council will be advised of the details by the Clerk's Department.



B. Luksun  
DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING

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#### *Attachment*

cc: City Manager  
Officer in Charge, R.C.M.P.  
Director Engineering  
Director Parks, Recreation and Culture  
City Clerk  
Chief Building Inspector  
Director Finance



CITY OF BURNABY

**DONALD BROWN  
COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICE**

**To Commemorate the Official Opening  
April, 2007**

**BURNABY CITY COUNCIL**

**MAYOR**

**Derek R. Corrigan**

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**Nick Volkow**

**Gary Begin**

**CITY MANAGER**

**Robert H. Moncur**