

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

SUBJECT: UNIVERSAL CULTURAL SOCIETY CANADA - DIWALI FESTIVAL

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council provide a grant up to the value of \$2,000 to Universal Cultural Society Canada for in kind services to print promotional materials and as a fee waiver to cover the rental cost of the Bonsor Banquet Hall for the 2009 Diwali Festival.

REPORT

The Executive Committee of Council, at its meeting held on 2009 September 21, received and adopted the *attached* report providing information on the cost of hosting celebrations for the Diwali Festival to be held at the Bonsor Banquet Hall, 2009 October 09. The Festival promotes cultural harmony and donations raised at this event will be used in support of the Burnaby Homeless Taskforce.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Nick Volkow
Chair

Councillor Pietro Calendino
Vice Chair

Councillor Paul McDonell
Member

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| Copied to: City Manager Director Finance Director Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services |
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TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS **DATE:** 2009 September 15
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

FROM: DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: UNIVERSAL CULTURAL SOCIETY CANADA - DIWALI FESTIVAL

PURPOSE: GRANT REQUEST

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the City of Burnaby provide a grant up to the value of \$2,000 to the Universal Cultural Society Canada for in kind services to print promotional materials and as a fee waiver to cover the rental cost of the Bonsor Banquet Hall for the 2009 Diwali Festival.

REPORT

The Universal Cultural Society of Canada has requested a contribution of \$2,000 toward the cost of their Diwali Festival. The request includes donation for the hall rental and printing. The festival is being held on 2009 October 09 at Bonsor Recreation Centre.

The Society is a non-profit, community-based organization which raises funds to support local charities and promote cultural harmony. Funds raised at the Diwali Festival will be donated to the Burnaby Homeless Taskforce. Their request for support falls within the guidelines of Executive Committee Grants as a contribution toward overhead costs for a Non-Profit Community Group.

For the hours required this year, the actual rental cost of the Bonsor Banquet Hall is \$1,091. If the Committee wishes to support the request as recommended, a grant in the amount of up to \$2,000 to offset the cost of the banquet hall and the estimated cost of printing promotional materials is required.



Dave Ellenwood
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