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**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: REINSTATEMENT OF GAMING GRANTS TO ENVIRONMENTAL  
GROUPS**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. THAT Council endorse the attached resolution (Appendix 1) from the Comox Valley Regional District regarding the reinstatement of BC Provincial Gaming funding to environmental groups.
2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to the Comox Valley Regional District; Union of BC Municipalities; Ministry of Housing and Social Development; and Mr. Paul Cipywnyk, #74-6700 Rumble Street, Burnaby, BC V5E 4H7.

**REPORT**

The Environment Committee, at its meeting held on 2010 June 08, received an e-mail from Mr. Paul Cipywnyk together with a copy of a resolution adopted by the Comox Valley Regional District requesting that the Union of BC Municipalities support the reinstatement of BC Provincial Gaming funding to environmental groups. Mr. Cipywnyk requested that the City of Burnaby support the resolution.

Arising from discussion, the Committee requested that Council endorse the resolution from the Comox Valley Regional District.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Dan Johnston  
Chair

Councillor Sav Dhaliwal  
Vice Chair

Councillor Anne Kang  
Member

Copied to:	City Manager Director Engineering Director Planning & Building Director Finance
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## **Motion for reinstatement of gaming grant funding to environmental groups**

WHEREAS, the Province of British Columbia has historically funded environmental groups in the province through the proceeds obtained through gaming and that a recent Cabinet decision has been made to eliminate funding of environmental groups through gaming grants; and,

WHEREAS environmental groups have contributed significantly to the protection and conservation of the environment and have contributed to the quality of life enjoyed by residents of British Columbia through projects implemented with the funding received from Provincial gaming grants; and,

WHEREAS the environmental protection and conservation projects completed by environmental groups with funds from gaming grants contribute to making British Columbia a healthy, vibrant, environmentally secure and desirable province to live and work in and that without the initiatives undertaken by the environmental groups these qualities appreciated by British Columbia residents will be diminished due to the lack of availability of gaming grants to environmental groups;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Comox Valley Regional District request the Union of British Columbia Municipalities work with the Provincial government to have the Province reinstate the provision of gaming grants to environmental groups to continue protecting and conserving the natural environment in British Columbia.