



TO: MEMBERS OF COUNCIL **DATE:** 2010 February 15

FROM: MAYOR DEREK CORRIGAN **FILE:** 17000 00
Reference: Social Sustainability Strategy

SUBJECT: STEERING COMMITTEE FOR BURNABY'S SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

PURPOSE: To seek approval for appointments to the Social Sustainability Strategy Steering Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council approve the proposed appointments to the Social Sustainability Strategy Steering Committee as outlined in Section 2.0 of this report.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

At its meeting of 2008 June 16, Council approved Terms of Reference for the preparation of a Social Sustainability Strategy for Burnaby. The Strategy is meant to guide the City's decisions and resource allocations for social issues over the next ten or so years. In tandem with the updated Economic Development Strategy, adopted in 2007, and the pending Environmental Sustainability Strategy, the Social Sustainability Strategy will provide a foundation for the continued strengthening of Burnaby's overall well-being.

The Terms of Reference report noted that a Steering Committee, composed of individuals who either live or work in Burnaby, would be appointed to lead development of the Strategy. Those individuals would have knowledge, experience, or interest in one or more of sixteen issue or topic areas, but would also bring a broad and balanced view to the Steering Committee's work.

The purpose of this report is to present my Steering Committee nominations for approval by Council.

2.0 STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The individuals noted below have been selected for their broad base of experience, for their belief in Burnaby's potential, and for their willingness to advocate on behalf of our community. Their areas of expertise include arts and culture, business/economy, community well-being and development, environment, families, health, housing, immigration/multiculturalism, labour, public education, public safety and policing, recreation, seniors, social policy, special needs, and

youth. In my view, this broad range of expertise and experience will ensure a well-rounded Social Sustainability Strategy for the City.

The nominees are:

Antonia Beck	Bala Naidoo
Ardele Brophy	Baljinder Narang
Mae Burrows	Roy Nosella
Artie Chumpol	Rajinder Pandher
Matthew Coyne	Todd Polich
Stephen D'Souza	Patrice Pratt
Darlene Gering	Baldev Sanghera
Chris Hildred	Stephanie Watts
Wilf Hurd	Adele Wilson
Garson Lee	Katrina Chen

The Steering Committee will be chaired by me, while Councillor Nick Volkow will serve as Vice-Chair. Councillors Pietro Calendino, Paul McDonell, and Anne Kang are proposed as Council's other representatives on the Steering Committee.

I envision that the Steering Committee will begin its work in the very near future, and will complete the Social Sustainability Strategy in spring 2011. Additional layers of public consultation will be built into the process through the formation of issue-specific working groups, and through invitations to the public to provide comments on the draft strategy.

3.0 CONCLUSION

The Social Sustainability Strategy Steering Committee is being formed to lead the development of a strategy that will guide the City's strategic directions for social issues over the next ten or so years. The Strategy will be founded on the City's proud record of past social achievements, and will focus on what is practical, achievable, and within the City's mandate. I have committed to chairing the Committee. I have nominated individuals to serve on the Steering Committee who represent a wide spectrum of the Burnaby community, and who have a broad base of experience with and expertise in social issues. In my view, they also believe in Burnaby's potential, and are willing to advocate on behalf of our community. I believe they will prove to be a thoughtful and creative group who will assist the City to develop a progressive and sustainable social future for Burnaby.

Respectfully submitted,

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