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COUNCIL REPORT

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**TO:** CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2011 April 21

**FROM:** DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

**SUBJECT:** 2011/2012 COMMUNITY SCHOOL GRANT

**PURPOSE:** To request authorization for the City to enter into an agreement with the Burnaby School District for the contribution to the cost of the playground at University Highlands Elementary School.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** authorization be given for the execution of an agreement with the Burnaby School District #41 for the support and operation of seven Community Schools (Edmonds, Gilmore, Lochdale, Maywood, Second Street, Stride Avenue, and Stoney Creek).

**REPORT**

At its 'Open' Meeting of 2011 April 20, the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission received the above noted report and adopted the two recommendations contained therein.

Dave Ellenwood  
DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

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Attachment

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COMMISSION REPORT

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**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMISSION

**FROM:** DIRECTOR  
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

**SUBJECT: 2011/2012 COMMUNITY SCHOOL GRANT**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** approval be given for the expenditure of \$397,790 as the City of Burnaby's share of the operating funds for the 2011/2012 Community School Program.
2. **THAT** Council authorize the execution of an agreement with the Burnaby School District #41 for the support and operation of seven Community Schools (Edmonds, Gilmore, Lochdale, Maywood, Second Street, Stride Avenue, and Stoney Creek).

**REPORT**

The District Community School Advisory and Coordinating Committee (DCSACC) membership consists of parent representatives from each community school, one School Trustee, one Commission member, one Council member and one member at large. At its meeting of 2011 March 10, DCSACC approved the 2011/2012 Community School budget. As has been the practice, the Committee requested that the School District and the City of Burnaby provide the funds for the continued operation of the seven Community Schools for the upcoming school year.

A letter from the Burnaby School District #41 (**Attachment #1**) includes the request and outlines the Community Schools' operating budget and funding sources for the upcoming year. The budget provides for a .56% (\$5,607.00) increase to fund increased employee benefit costs as determined by the collective agreement, and an inflationary increase for supplies and services. It provides an equitable distribution of funds to each school and covers the core funding requirements. All community schools supplement their community education programs and neighbourhood activities through a variety of fund raising activities, grants, donations and sponsorships.

Burnaby's Community Schools fill a valuable role in their communities. Community members together with staff from the School Board and the City work towards the goals of:

- Using facilities effectively for community programs
- Strengthening curriculum, developing recreational, cultural and social opportunities
- Strengthening communication in a community
- Coordinating organizations in the delivery of community services

It is recommended that approval be given for the expenditure of \$397,790 as the City's share of the funds to operate Burnaby's community schools. If approved the funds will be included in the City's 2012 Provisional Budget.



Dave Ellenwood  
DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES

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cc: Director Planning and Building