
TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2012 July 10

FROM: ACTING DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING **FILE:** 17000 00
Reference: Social Sustainability Strategy

SUBJECT: AWARD FOR PLANNING EXCELLENCE FOR BURNABY SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

PURPOSE: To inform Council of a Canadian Institute of Planners Award for Planning Excellence for the Burnaby Social Sustainability Strategy.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** a copy of this report be forwarded to each member of the Social Sustainability Strategy Steering Committee, and to the Social Issues Committee.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

At its meeting of 2011 July 11, Council endorsed the Burnaby Social Sustainability Strategy, a bold, visionary and inspiring plan that will guide the City's plans and resource allocations in the social realm over the next ten or so years. The Strategy articulates a social sustainability vision, long-term sustainability goals, and seven key theme areas for action. It proposes initiatives for the City and others, acting within their respective mandates or in collaboration, to move Burnaby towards the vision and goals. The Strategy was developed by a Steering Committee – chaired by Mayor Corrigan, and composed of twenty-four other Burnaby residents including four members of City Council – following an extensive public consultation process.

The purpose of this report is to inform Council that the Burnaby Social Sustainability Strategy has been chosen to receive a 2012 Award for Planning Excellence from the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP).

2.0 THE CIP AWARD FOR PLANNING EXCELLENCE

On 2012 June 26, the Canadian Institute of Planners made public its choice of recipients for the 2012 CIP Awards for Planning Excellence. Established in 1983, the awards honour planning projects based on their excellence, innovation, contribution to the body of professional knowledge, implementation potential, and presentation. With 66 planning documents and projects from across Canada in the running, the CIP has chosen nine award recipients in the

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categories of urban design; urban and regional planning; rural and small town planning; new and emerging planning initiatives; planning publications; social planning; Aboriginal community planning and development; international development; and sustainable mobility, transportation and infrastructure.

The City of Burnaby will receive its award for the category “Social Planning” at the annual CIP conference in Banff, Alberta on October 10, 2012.

3.0 CONCLUSION

Burnaby is formally working towards its goal of becoming Canada’s most sustainable community through the development and implementation of interconnected strategies relating to Burnaby’s economy, social development, and environment. The strategies will serve to ensure that Burnaby continues to show regional, national and international leadership in the development of exemplary sustainable programs and initiatives. Together with the Economic Development Strategy, updated in 2007, and the pending Environmental Sustainability Strategy, Burnaby’s Social Sustainability Strategy provides a foundation for the continued strengthening of Burnaby’s overall well-being. The Social Sustainability Strategy provides an opportunity for Burnaby to play a leadership role in Canada and internationally in social sustainability, and to act as a role model for social sustainability practices. Receipt of the CIP Award for Planning Excellence acknowledges the value of the Strategy, the leadership of Mayor Corrigan and Council in undertaking the Strategy, and the commitment and dedication of the community members who participated in the Strategy development process.

This report is submitted for the information of Council. It is recommended that a copy of this report be forwarded to each member of the Social Sustainability Strategy Steering Committee, and to the Social Issues Committee.


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