

COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

SUBJECT: BURNABY'S 120TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council receive this report for information.

REPORT

The Community Heritage Commission, at its meeting held on 2012 September 06, received and adopted the *attached* report providing information on Burnaby's 120th Birthday celebration to be held in conjunction with the Citizens' Plaza Commemorative Paving Stones Ceremony on Saturday, 2012 September 15.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor C. Jordan
Chair

Councillor N. Volkow
Vice Chair

Councillor R. Chang
Member

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TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION

DATE: 2012 September 06

FROM: ACTING CITY CLERK

FILE: 1650-20
Reference: Paver Ceremony

SUBJECT: BURNABY'S 120TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

PURPOSE: To provide information on Burnaby's 120th Birthday celebration

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** this report be received for information.

REPORT**1.0 BACKGROUND**

Burnaby will celebrate its 120th birthday in September. The City was incorporated on 22 September 1892 when a committed group of civic-minded neighbours petitioned the Provincial Government for a municipal charter to ensure that local taxes stayed and benefited the residents of the community. Over the years, Burnaby has held different festivities to mark its birthday particularly during milestone years such as the 25th Anniversary held in 1917 and, more recently, the year-long celebration of Burnaby's centennial in 1992.

This year, the City has been fortunate to receive a grant from the Province of British Columbia in the amount of \$75,000 in support of the arts and culture component of the 120th birthday celebration. Of this, \$10,000 has been allocated to hold a public birthday party. This report outlines the preparations being undertaken in hosting this celebration which will be held in conjunction with the annual Paving Stone Dedication event at City Hall.

2.0 Paving Stone Dedication and 120th Birthday Celebration

Each September, Council hosts the official dedication of commemorative paving stones at Citizens' Plaza. This year, the event, scheduled for September 15th, has been expanded to include a birthday party and other celebrations to commemorate the 120th birthday. Plans have been undertaken by the Office of the City Clerk to incorporate the heritage theme in the Paver Ceremony and guests will enjoy displays of photographs from Burnaby Village Museum and the City of Burnaby Archives. Entertainment will include six Taiko drummers from Chibi Taiko, music by Big Band inspired Company B, period costumed hosts, food, beverages and photo opportunities.

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Special guests invited this year include Mr. Kehar Singh Aujla, 2011 Kushiro Cup recipient, 2011 Burnaby Business Hall of Fame inductee the Carter Automotive Family, 2011 Burnaby Sports Hall of Fame inductees, Burnaby Freeman, former members of Council, BC Seniors' games organizers and many others. The ceremony and celebration is open to the public.

To commemorate Burnaby's 120th Birthday, a Citizens' Plaza Commemorative Wall will be unveiled during the ceremony, in recognition of the original 1892 Burnaby Council and the current day Council members. A second plaque iconizes Burnaby's three City Hall buildings since their inception, to salute this momentous occasion.

Members of the Community Heritage Commission are invited to join Council in celebrating the City's 120th birthday.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann Manuel
ACTING CITY CLERK

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