

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF NATIONAL LIBRARIES

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT His Worship, Mayor Derek R. Corrigan, on behalf of Council, write to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, the Minister of Environment and Burnaby MPs protesting the closure of federal libraries and the destruction of research and other records.

REPORT

The Environment Committee, at its meeting held on 2014 January 14, expressed concerns with purging of national libraries. It was noted that seven of 11 regional DFO libraries, housing decades of aquatic research, have been closed. It was also noted that consolidation and closure of national libraries will result in significant loss of historic material and decades of research.

Arising from discussion, the Committee recommended that His Worship, Mayor Derek R. Corrigan, on behalf of Council, write to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, the Minister of Environment and Burnaby MPs protesting the closure of federal libraries and the destruction of research and other records.

Respectfully submitted,

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