

CITY OF BURNABY COUNCIL IN BRIEF

May 13, 2025

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» **7.1 Landmark Burnaby Sign Update**

Council approved a tourism-led approach for a permanent "Burnaby" landmark sign to support the city's visitor economy. Tourism Burnaby expressed interest in commissioning the sign and potentially gifting or selling it to the City at minimal cost. Staff planned to refine the concept and report back with recommended locations and next steps.

» **8.1 ECC - RE: Food Security Grants**

Council approved updates to the Community Grant Policy to support food security programs in Burnaby. Up to \$30,000 of the annual Community Grant budget will now be available to fund local organizations delivering food services directly to residents.

[Attachment 1 - Revised Community Grant Policy.pdf](#)

» **8.2 ECC - RE: Community Grants - #25.03.RS And #25.20.I**

Council approved two community grants: \$7,500 for Burnaby Minor Hockey Association to support their participation in the Kushiro Sister City Tournament in Japan this July, and \$3,000 for the Colombian Canadian Association to host a Colombian Independence Day Picnic at Edmonds Park.

» **8.3 ECC - RE: Festivals Burnaby Grant – Spring Intake 2025**

Council approved \$93,200 in grant funding through the Festivals Burnaby Spring 2025 intake to support a range of local cultural and community events.

» **8.4 ECC - RE: Playground Development Grants 2025**

City Council approved \$8,000 in Playground Development Grants for 2025, with \$4,000 each going to Gilmore and Lyndhurst Elementary Schools to support outdoor learning areas. These grants align with the City's strategic goals and are awarded as matching funds to eligible school parent groups on a first-come, first-served basis.

» **8.5 ECC - RE: Enhancing Lobbying Transparency**

Council authorized the City Solicitor to prepare an update to the Burnaby Code of Conduct Bylaw requiring any elected officials who are registered lobbyists to publicly disclose their clients. This came after the Executive Committee reviewed a staff report on May 5, 2025, which looked at ways to improve transparency around lobbying. While lobbying rules are set at the provincial level, this update aims to help increase accountability and trust.

[Attachment 1 – Burnaby Code of Conduct Bylaw](#)

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» **8.6 PRCC - RE: Urban Forest Strategy**

Council approved the final Urban Forest Strategy, which sets a 15-year plan to grow Burnaby's tree canopy from 32% to 40% by 2075. After gathering feedback through two rounds of community engagement, the Strategy was updated to include planting more trees and reaching the canopy target sooner with strong support from the community for Burnaby's urban forest.

[Attachment 1 – Urban Forest Strategy](#)

[Attachment 2 – Public Engagement Summary](#)

[Attachment 3 - Presentation](#)

» **8.8 TC - RE: Establishment of the Safe, Green, and Active Transportation Report Card**

Council amended the recommendation included in this report from staff. Council directed staff to provide an annual progress report on the implementation of the Burnaby Transportation Plan. Additionally, Council asked staff to provide a report every 5 years outlining behavioral changes related to transportation habits in Burnaby, and for staff to explore other measures to provide additional data related to travel behaviour, such as a panel survey. This new framework will help guide transportation planning and infrastructure investments, ensuring Burnaby stays on track to meet sustainability goals while keeping costs minimal.

» **13.3 Mayor Hurley - Notice of Motion**

Council approved a motion to provide a space at 6515 Bonsor Avenue for those grieving or impacted by the recent tragedy at the Lapu Lapu Festival in Vancouver. The space will be available for up to three months to support the healing process and the Filipino community following this tragic event.

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