



Corporate Report

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TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **July 7, 2006**
FROM: **General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture** FILE: **0290-01**
SUBJECT: **2006 UBCM Community Excellence Awards – Greenbrook Kids Club**

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council approve the submission of the Newton Community Initiative to the 2006 UBCM Community Excellence Awards in the category of Local Government Partnerships Supporting Physical Activity & Healthy Living.

DISCUSSION

The Newton Community Initiative is a partnership with BC Housing, the UCFV Child and Youth Care Program and the Fraser Health Authority. The “Greenbrook Kids Club” program has enabled us to integrate the needs of a specific target group not accessing Parks and Recreation programs and facilities due to economic, cultural and/or social barriers. As part of this project, the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department has introduced programs such as a Homework Club, Girls Self-Esteem Group, and Kids in the Kitchen and have also expanded our drop-in after-school program to incorporate mentorship as well as healthy eating initiatives.

The UBCM Awards Program requires that Council pass a resolution regarding the submission of proposal for an award. Winners of the UBCM Community Excellence Awards will be awarded in October at a special Excellence Awards Breakfast held during their conference week in Victoria.

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