



Corporate Report

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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: November 2, 2007
FROM: General Manager, Parks, Recreation and Culture FILE: 0290-01
SUBJECT: Museums in Motion Award

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive this report for information.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to advise Mayor and Council of the recent award presented to the Surrey Museum from the B.C. Museums Association.

BACKGROUND

The *Museums in Motion Award* is given to an institution for outstanding, innovative or creative achievement. At the 50th Anniversary Conference of the B.C. Museums Association October 26, 2007, this award was presented to the Surrey Museum.

The *Museums in Motion Award* is an exclusively designed and commissioned bronze sculpture by internationally renowned Kelowna-based sculptor, Geert Maas. The sculpture depicts many people working together and represents the dynamic and celebratory nature of progress, innovation and creation. The Sculpture will be displayed in the Museum foyer.

DISCUSSION

Leisa Davis, Awards Committee Chair noted that the Award recognizes the Surrey Museum's achievements in planning, developing, opening and operating a new facility that is a model for the 21st century. Community groups and museum colleagues submitted the nomination. One nominator stated "the transformation of museum services in Surrey is one of the few Best Practices I have witnessed in the museum field in the past decade." Letters of support were submitted by the Matsqui-Sumas-Abbotsford Museum Society, the Langley Centennial Museum, the Friends of the Surrey Museum and Archives Society, the Royal Canadian Legion, Surrey

Crime Prevention Society, the Rotary Club of Cloverdale, Surrey Tourism and Convention Association, Surrey Professional Fire Fighters Pioneer Association, Clayton Heights Secondary School and the Cloverdale BIA and Chamber of Commerce.

The application recognized the transformation in the operation of the Surrey Museum and the impact that the new facility and services have had on the community. The support letters noted that the relationship building with the school district, the positive experiences provided for residents and tourists, and the presentation of the City of Surrey's history in a fun and meaningful way have contributed to a new profile for the museum and associated benefits for the City.

CONCLUSION

The Surrey Museum is open Tuesdays to Fridays from 10 am to 6 pm and on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 5 pm. The next feature exhibit is *Celebrating the Tree of Life*, a partnership with School District 36. This exhibit opens on November 13 at 7:00 pm and presents the work of 114 students from four local schools. The presentations are sure to provide Museum visitors with another positive example of youth creativity and partnership programs in the Surrey Museum.

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