

DATE: April 4, 1996

SUBJECT: DUTCH CANADIANS REMEMBER 1945 SOCIETY MONUMENT
"JOY OF FREEDOM" INSTALLATION AT ROBSON SQUARE

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board receive this report for information.

BACKGROUND

On April 24, 1995, Mr. Klaas Elgersma, President, Dutch Canadians Remember 1945 Society, came to the Board to offer a monument as a token of appreciation to the people of Canada for participation in the 1945 Liberation of the Netherlands. There were some problems related to the City Public Art Policy with respect to the placement of this monument. The Board referred the request of the Dutch Canadians Remember 1945 Society for the permanent siting of their commemorative monument to staff and the Public Art Committee for a further investigation of alternate sites, with a report back to the Board before July 1, 1995.

The attached letter from Mr. Elgersma of the Dutch Canadians Remember 1945 Society indicates that they have had the monument, "Joy of Freedom", installed permanently on Robson Square in downtown Vancouver.

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