



BURNABY TOGETHER
COALITION AGAINST RACISM AND HATE

Statement on Racism

Burnaby Together denounces ALL forms of racism. We recognize that the killing of George Floyd, the deaths of Regis Korchinski-Paquet and Chantel Moore are not simply the actions of an officer, but the result of systemic racism that permeates our society. In Canada, Black, Indigenous and People of Colour continue to be murdered, criminally prosecuted and incarcerated at a disproportionate rate.

Many believe Canada to be a mosaic where cultures are celebrated, and all are equal. In reality Canada was founded on a system that reinforces white privilege and power, one which marginalizes Black, Indigenous and People of Colour. The recent and unacceptable rise of Anti-Asian and Anti-Black sentiment in our city is a testament to the urgency needed to address racism.

Burnaby Together tracks and responds to reported incidences of racism and discrimination. Burnaby Together actively works to counter racism and discrimination in Burnaby, by hosting community dialogues and education opportunities for service providers and community members.

All of us need to work to examine ourselves, change our actions to create a more just and equitable world. All of us need to support and participate in collective action. Some suggestions include:

- Challenge your own assumptions and biases (conscious and unconscious). Seek out and read books by Black Canadian authors, by Indigenous authors, by Asian-Canadian authors, both for yourself and for your children
- Talk to your children about race, racism and privilege
- If you are able, consider donating (or volunteering with) to organizations that work to combat racism and discrimination
- Have conversations with your family and friends on how to be anti-racist
- Learn about the true and full history of Canada
- Exercise your civic rights and responsibilities through peaceful assembly, voting, and pushing all levels of government for progressive change

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