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A Vote of Thanks, February 1st Council Meeting

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Our delegation would like publicly to give you a vote of thanks at your meeting on February 1st.

The Dundarave Festival of Lights Society has concluded its second season, with over \$25,000 raised in donations to the Lookout Emergency Aid Society's North Shore Shelter.

This season, the Festival made significant advances toward its two fold goal of 1) being a vibrant celebration of arts and culture in the Christmas season and 2) garnering the resources necessary to end homelessness in our community. In the span of one year, from December 2008 to December 2009, the Dundarave Festival of Lights has raised over \$50,000 for the North Shore Shelter. We've also developed a strong bond with exceptional performers of every age, from school bands and choirs to the brilliant voices, one hundred strong, of Burstin' with Broadway.

The Society's delegation would be lead by its Co-Chair Mrs. Gwendolyn Allison, ( ) West Vancouver, 604.921-0771. I will be present as Executive Director of the Society. To underscore the community driven nature of our work in the Festival, the delegation would also include representatives of the North Shore Dragon Busters and École Pauline Johnson, winners of the Festival's best tree award for 2008 and 2009 respectively. Staff of North Shore Shelter will also join us, as will representatives of the Dundarave Business Association.

To be clear, the good we are able to accomplish in the Dundarave Festival of Lights is possible in the first instance because of the encouragement, good counsel and practical support we have received from you and from the District's staff. We see this at every stage of our work, and we believe the wider public should see and celebrate our collaboration. The action we wish you to take is to receive this vote of thanks; we want you to see some of the people the Festival has touched because of your encouragement.

Thank you for your time and kind consideration.

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