

**TO:** HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS

**DATE:** 2007 MARCH 28

**FROM:** KUSHIRO CUP SELECTION COMMITTEE

**SUBJECT:** 2006 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – NANCY THOMAS

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes.

**REPORT**

Burnaby City Council, at the 'Closed' Council meeting held on 2007 March 26, adopted the recommendation of the Kushiro Cup Selection Committee that Nancy Thomas receive the Kurshiro Cup as Burnaby's 2006 Outstanding Citizen of the Year and that the presentation be made at the City Appreciation Dinner.

Nominations for Burnaby's 2006 Outstanding Citizen of the Year were invited through advertisements in The News Leader and the Burnaby Now newspapers.

The Kushiro Cup Selection Committee, at its meeting held on 2006 March 15, received and reviewed all nominations submitted. The Committee reviewed the "Invitation to Nominate" which states that in order to qualify all nominees should be Burnaby residents who have given voluntary service to the community in cultural, recreational or other non-elective civic activities.

**2006 Outstanding Citizen of the Year**

The Kushiro Cup Selection Committee, after due consideration, recommended Nancy Thomas be selected as the recipient of the Kushiro Cup as the 2006 Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

Nancy Thomas has been chosen in recognition of her dedicated volunteer service so generously given to people and organizations within Burnaby for more than 25 years. Nancy is a very proud and committed member of the Edmond's Community Centre for 55+. As a member of the Centre's choral group the "Mellowdares" she goes out and sings with the choir in the community, including performances at care facilities for people who might not otherwise get out or have music in their lives. Nancy's love of music also has her sitting on in-house dance committees. According to her nominator, *she has volunteered at every dance, social, swap meet and fundraising event held at the Edmond's Community Centre over the past 25 years.* Nancy has also served for many years on the Board of Directors at the Centre.

For about 20 years, Nancy has volunteered for the Seniors Health Watch program held at the Centre. In a letter of support for Nancy Thomas' nomination, it states that *"one of the founding volunteers [of the Health Watch program], Nancy Thomas stands out from the others, very fit and feisty, with a great sense of humour. Though somewhat older than her fellow volunteers, her bearing and energy give no hint as she is always first to offer to sit on a committee or be on the front line for a variety of tasks. Talk about a positive role model for aging!"*. Helping to keep herself healthy and fit, she still swims laps at a local pool on a regular basis. And, in her spare time, Nancy knits hats for the preemie babies born at the Hospital.

In the words of those who support her nomination, Nancy Thomas is *"always helpful, she serves with a smile and is accommodating in her attitude. If something needs to be done, she is willing to do it. Bigheartedness is one of Nancy's best character traits."*

The Kushiro Cup Selection Committee would like to recognize Nancy Thomas\* for her heartfelt commitment in giving back to her community/our community and for her generous and giving spirit. Nancy Thomas is truly worthy of receiving the honour of *"Citizen of the Year"*.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Colleen Jordan  
Chair

Councillor Sav Dhaliwal  
Member

Councillor Garth Evans  
Member

CC: CITY MANAGER
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