

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF BURNABY

TO: MEMBERS OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
FROM: MAYOR WILLIAM J. COPELAND
RE: CONFER THE TITLE OF FREEMAN UPON
GEORGE HENRY FOSTER MCLEAN

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council confer the Freedom of the Municipality upon George Henry Foster McLean and that the title be conferred at a ceremony to take place during the Municipal Appreciation Dinner to be held on Friday, 1989 March 31.

R E P O R T

Section 279 of the Municipal Act permits the Council of a Municipality to honour a distinguished person by conferring upon that person the title of "Freeman of the Municipality". From time to time past Councils have recognized the outstanding contribution persons have made to the community and have recognized those persons by making them Freeman of The Corporation of the District of Burnaby. I would suggest to you that it is an appropriate time to once again honour a member of our community and I wish to submit the name of George Henry Foster McLean for your consideration.

Commencing in 1941 Mr. McLean served with the Royal Canadian Navy for four years with war service in Gibraltar, North Africa, Malta, Sicily, Great Britain and France and was awarded seven medals for service overseas. Shortly after concluding his military service George began a long history of dedicated service to this Municipality which began in 1946 when he served as a Director of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. George's involvement with the Chamber continued to 1957 at which time he decided to contribute to the community by standing for elected office. He spent the following 30 years serving this Municipality in the capacity of an Alderman (18 years), a Parks and Recreation Commissioner (15 years) and both a member and Chairman of the Advisory Planning Commission (8 years). During this 30 year period he also served as a member and Chairman of the Central Park Committee, the Regional Parks Authority and the Traffic Safety Committee. George was also a Director of the Lower Mainland Planning Board, the Greater Vancouver Regional District Planning Committee and the Greater Vancouver Regional District Water and Sewer Board. During his years as an Alderman he served with five Mayors and spent considerable time working on numerous Council and Parks and Recreation Commission Committees.

Although the responsibilities of elected office consumed a great deal of George's evenings and weekends he still found time to coach minor hockey for ten years at the Burnaby Winter Club where he is a Charter Member. He also coached softball for 12 years while a member of the Westburn Community Association and is currently a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 83, the Burnaby Kingsway Rotary Club, the Central Burnaby Ratepayers Association and the Burnaby Hospital Society.

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George and his wife Edna have lived in Burnaby for 37 years while raising a family of five children; three boys, George, Gary and Bradley and two girls, Sharon and Theresa.

You can see that Mr. McLean's contributions to our community were very much significant and continuous and his tireless efforts warrant recognition.

It gives me great pleasure to recommend George McLean to be honoured as this Municipality's 11th Freeman.



WILLIAM J. COPELAND
MAYOR