

**REPORT  
1996 MAY 27**

**CITY OF BURNABY  
COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION**

**HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS**

**RE: HERITAGE AWARD IN THE MEMORY OF EVELYN SALISBURY**

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. THAT Council support the establishment of the "*Evelyn Salisbury Award for Significant Contributions to Community Heritage*" to be conferred to individuals or community organizations who have made outstanding contributions in the promotion of heritage conservation in Burnaby.

**REPORT**

The Community Heritage Commission, at its meeting held on 1996 May 22 received and adopted the attached report recommending the establishment of a Heritage Award in the name of Mrs. Evelyn Salisbury.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Doreen Lawson,  
Chair

Councillor Doug Drummond,  
Vice Chair

cc: City Manager Director Planning and Building Director Recreation and Cultural Services
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TO: COMMUNITY HERITAGE COMMISSION 1996 May 15  
FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING  
SUBJECT: HERITAGE AWARD IN THE MEMORY OF EVELYN SALISBURY  
PURPOSE: To provide information regarding the establishment of a Heritage Award in the name of Mrs. Evelyn Salisbury

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT the "Evelyn Salisbury Award for Significant Contributions to Community Heritage" be set up and conferred to individuals or community organizations who have made outstanding contributions in the promotion of heritage conservation in Burnaby.

**REPORT**

**1.0 INTRODUCTION:**

Council, at it's meeting of 1996 March 27, passed the following motion:

*"THAT staff prepare a report regarding the establishment of a Heritage Award in the name of Evelyn Salisbury."*

The purpose of this report is to provide information about the establishment of an award in memory of Mrs. Salisbury.

**2.0 BACKGROUND:**

The Community Heritage Commission, in 1995, established six categories of Heritage Awards that may be nominated by the Heritage Commission for presentation by Council during Heritage Week in February.

The existing categories of awards are:

- Building restorations in conformity with the original fabric of the building.

- New construction that respects heritage design in a neighbourhood setting.
- Landscape projects that involve the restoration, preservation or interpretation of a historic or natural landscape.
- Education efforts which further the awareness of heritage in Burnaby.
- Publications that document or record Burnaby's heritage.
- Special category awards that are considered worthy of merit which do not fall in any of the above categories.

The form of the existing awards is a certificate signed by the Mayor and the Chair of the Community Heritage Commission. These awards are funded from the Commission Budget.

### **3.0 BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ABOUT EVELYN SALISBURY:**

Evelyn Salisbury came to Burnaby in the 1940's and, in addition to raising a family, was active with the Provincial Red Cross. Her early community work in Burnaby included being an Audiometer Hearing Testing Volunteer. However, it was her work as a member and President of the Burnaby Historical Society in the 1980's that brought her community wide recognition. In 1985 she spearheaded the production of the first comprehensive inventory of heritage buildings in Burnaby - "Windows to Burnaby's Past" and in 1986 organized the production of a second study of the Metrotown area. Her vigilance in the community for protecting heritage was legendary and was perhaps known best for convincing the City to protect the 1893 Jesse Love farmhouse through its relocation to Burnaby Village Museum. She lobbied Council tirelessly in her pursuit of a Heritage Committee to advise Council on heritage issues and to undertake a conservation program. Her work came to its culmination in 1988 when the Heritage Advisory Committee was established and the following year she was awarded the Kushiuro Cup as Burnaby's outstanding citizen.

### **4.0 PROPOSED EVELYN SALISBURY AWARD:**

Mrs. Salisbury's efforts to seek recognition for Burnaby's heritage produced many results at the community level. One of the primary institutional accomplishments was to provide the impetus to have Council set up what is now the Community Heritage Commission to advise Council on heritage matters.

It is appropriate to set up a special award in memory of the work of Evelyn Salisbury to recognize the contributions that community advocates make towards increasing community awareness of and sensitivity to heritage issues. As is the case with the existing heritage awards, the "Evelyn Salisbury Award for Community Heritage" Award would be given to individuals or community groups that make outstanding contributions in the promotion of heritage conservation in the City of Burnaby. The award would not necessarily be given out each year, but only in those years when worthy recipients are identified by the Community Heritage Commission with input from the Burnaby Historical Society and the Community.

  
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Director Planning and Building

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