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REPORT  
1997 DECEMBER 01

COMMUNITY ISSUES & SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS*

RE: SOCIAL PLANNING WEEK NOMINEES

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT**, as part of Social Planning Week, Council
  - a) formally recognize the following people for their contributions to Burnaby's community well being over the years:
    - ▶ Barbara Brady
    - ▶ Don Brown
    - ▶ Beth Chobotuck
    - ▶ Don Copan
    - ▶ Edie Fisher
    - ▶ Maddie Greenlay
    - ▶ Barb Peabody
  - b) invite the foregoing people to a future Council meeting and present them with certificates of recognition for their contributions
  - c) send the names of Burnaby's nominees to the Social Planning and Research Council (SPARC) of BC for publication in that organization's newsletter.

**R E P O R T**

**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

At its meeting of 1997 October 27, Council received a letter from the Social Planning and Research Council (SPARC) of BC. The letter indicated that, each year since 1991, SPARC has asked the Province and BC municipalities to declare one week in November as Social Planning Week. For 1997, SPARC is suggesting that municipalities nominate citizens in their community who deserve recognition for their contributions to community well being (e.g., being active on committees, volunteering in important community events, or playing a leadership role in addressing local social issues). SPARC has asked to receive the names by 1997 December 8.

In turn, it will include the names with a province-wide list of "local heroes" in a future issue of the organization's newsletter, SPARC News.

Council referred the letter to the Community Issues & Social Planning Committee for review and report back. This report responds to Council's request.

## **2.0 NOMINEES**

At its meeting of 1997 October 26, the Community Issues & Social Planning Committee considered potential nominees for recognition and decided to forward the following names for Council's consideration:

- ▶ Barbara Brady - Active volunteer in the Second Street Community School area. Former Chair of Second Street Community Council. Instrumental in raising funds and producing an acclaimed video on Burnaby's community school program in 1992. Described by associates as a "mentor to other volunteers in the neighbourhood."
- ▶ Don Brown - Numerous contributions to the City. Served as City Councillor, School Trustee, Parks & Recreation Commissioner, and Chair of Burnaby's Centennial Committee. A Freeman of Burnaby who is actively involved with the Community-Centred College for the Retired, the South Burnaby Metro Club, and other organizations.
- ▶ Elizabeth Chobotuck - An active, long term volunteer in Second Street Community School area. Activities include serving on Second Street Community Council and PTA, organizing the annual Pioneer Tea at the school, and helping to found the Eastside Opportunities Society. Noted for her approach of "doing with, not for," neighbourhood children.
- ▶ Don Copan - Involved with numerous organizations over the years. Current President of Burnaby Multicultural Society. Has also volunteered with such diverse groups as Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Boy Scouts, the Scottish Cultural Centre, and the Burnaby School District.
- ▶ Edie Fisher - Active in range of activities and organizations since moving to Burnaby in 1949. Examples include Parks & Recreation Commission, parent participation preschools, PTA, Lochdale Community School Council, Girl Guides, and United Way Board of Governors. Also, with late husband, Stan, helped establish Network of Burnaby Seniors.
- ▶ Maddie Greenlay - Edmonds area resident committed to improving community well being in east Burnaby - particularly for youth. Has worked tirelessly to address the problem of prostitution in her neighbourhood. Also, played instrumental role in establishment and operation of Edmonds Youth Resource Centre.

- ▶ Barb Peabody - Committed to youths and the broader community in north east Burnaby. Key accomplishments include helping to found the North East Burnaby Youth Action Association (NEBYAA), helping to establish the Creekside Youth Centre, serving on the Lougheed Area Advisory Committee, and helping with numerous activities related to Stoney Creek Community School.

### **3.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The foregoing nominees have all made significant contributions to community well being in Burnaby. Therefore, as part of Social Planning Week, the Community Issues & Social Planning Committee recommends that Council

- a) formally recognize the nominees for their contributions over the years
- b) invite the nominees to a future Council meeting and present them with certificates of recognition for their contributions
- c) send the names of the nominees to the Social Planning and Research Council (SPARC) of BC for publication in that organization's newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair

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Vice Chair

