

CITY OF BURNABY

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS **1997 APRIL 01**
FROM: KUSHIRO CUP SELECTION COMMITTEE
SUBJECT: KUSHIRO CUP AWARD FOR "1996 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN"

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Ms. Linda Gravlin be selected to receive the "1996 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN" award for her outstanding volunteer service with the Burnaby Hospice Society, the Burnaby Multicultural Society Host Program and her work with Marlborough Elementary School.
2. THAT Mrs. Grethe Petersen, having been strongly recommended, receive an award for her outstanding activities in Burnaby, to be presented at the City Appreciation Dinner on 1997 April 11.

REPORT

Nominations for Burnaby's "1996 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN" were invited through advertisements in the Burnaby News Leader and the Burnaby Now.

Three submissions were received and reviewed by the Selection Committee. The Committee, after due consideration, selected Ms. Linda Gravlin as their recommended choice to receive the Kushiro Cup as the "1996 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN" of Burnaby.

As a Burnaby Hospice Volunteer, Linda Gravlin has visited and cared for terminally ill patients who had no visitors or family. She spent many hours by their bedside, first at their homes and then at Burnaby Hospital, until they passed away.

Through the Burnaby Multicultural Society, Linda learned about the Host Program where Canadian families befriend new immigrants and help them to adjust to Canada. She befriended a Bosnian family who had just arrived to Canada and were lost and needy. Linda offered unconditional support and kindness to the family. She prepared a "Welcome to Canada" shower where over 20 people showered the family with gifts and good wishes. Going out of her way to make the family feel at home, she provided household items donated by her friends and family, took the family to theatre plays, ballets, concerts and invited them to parties, picnics and holidays.

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Linda has also been very active in Marlborough Elementary School, where she organized Family Skating for students and their parents, giving many hours of enjoyment to all.

The contribution that Linda Gravlin has given to the community through her involvement in these special and emotionally demanding volunteer engagements has been immeasurable.

Respectfully submitted,

KUSHIRO CUP SELECTION COMMITTEE

Councillor Jim Young
Councillor Doreen Lawson
Councillor Nick Volkow