CITY OF BURNABY

FAMILY COURT AND YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

Re: THE 2ND ANNUAL BUILDING A SAFER FUTURE AWARDS PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council receive this report for information.

REPORT

The Family Court and Youth Justice Committee, at its meeting held on 2000 January 05, received a letter from the Ministry of Womens' Equality advising of the 2nd Annual Building a Safer Future Awards program. The purpose of the awards is to encourage and recognize outstanding work to build a violence-free society and a safer future for women in British Columbia.

The Family Court and Youth Justice Committee has nominated Maddy Greenlay, Chair of the Edmonds Youth Resource Centre Committee, for the Urban Community Award which goes to a woman from a community with a population greater than 50,000. In 1993, Maddy organized a group of citizens to start a Youth Centre in the Edmonds/Kingsway area. The concern was twofold: 1) to provide a positive resource for youths in crisis and 2) to help young girls in the sex trade to "get off the street". Maddy currently serves as coordinator at the Youth Centre.

In 1993, Ms. Greenlay also organized and participated in a "Shame the Johns" campaign. Then in 1997, she restarted a citizens patrol along the Edmonds corridor.

The Committee concluded by noting that Ms. Greenlay has a wonderful rapport with youth. They feel safe at the Youth Centre and can turn to her for help. She gives them hope for a better life.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Allen Hutton Chair

Ms. Alison Joe Vice Chairperson

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Councillor N. Harris Member