

CITY OF BURNABY

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KUSHIRO CUP SELECTION COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

**RE: KUSHIRO CUP AWARD - 1999 OUTSTANDING
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Mr. Keith Harris receive the "1999 Outstanding Citizen of the Year" award and that the presentation be made at the Municipal Appreciation Dinner.
2. THAT Mrs. Isobel Roper and Mrs. Isobel Gray receive Honourable mention.

REPORT

Nominations for Burnaby's 1999 Outstanding Citizen of the Year were invited through advertisements in the Burnaby News Leader and the Burnaby Now newspapers.

Seven (7) submissions were received and reviewed by the Kushiro Cup Selection Committee. The Committee wishes to note that all nominees were worthy of the Committee's serious consideration as they represent an extensive array of valuable contributions toward the betterment of the community.

1999 Outstanding Citizen

Your Committee, after due consideration, selected Mr. Keith Harris as its recommended choice to receive the Kushiro Cup as the **"1999 Outstanding Citizen of the Year"**.

Mr. Harris has been a resident of Burnaby for 38 years: Volunteering his time and expertise has been a full-time commitment to his community. On an ongoing basis, Mr. Harris volunteers his time to the Burnaby Winter Club, the Burnaby Ice Sports Centre, the Ultimate Hockey Training Program, Bonsor Recreation Centre, Burnaby Arts Council, the North West Opera Society, the Clef Society of Burnaby and the Burnaby Historical Society, to name a few. He also served in various capacities for the B.C. Summer Games hosted by the City of Burnaby in 1997. Much of Mr. Harris' volunteer work embraces many areas and age groups anywhere from 3 to 85 years.

Keith Harris retired from the Community Centred College for the Retired at the end of 1999. He was a Director on the Board and also served as the head of the computer department, not only as a teacher of advanced training but also as the maintenance/repair person for the computers.

In view of Mr. Harris' strong and dedicated commitment to improving the quality of life in his community, the Kushiro Cup Selection Committee is pleased to recommend Keith Harris as the recipient for the 1999 Outstanding Citizen award.

Honourable Mention - Isobel Gray

Mrs. Gray has contributed countless hours of volunteer work for St. Michael's Care Home Gift Shop. She extended this service by offering personal shopping for the residents of the care facility so they would have a little surprise gift for visiting grandchildren and other family members.

Mrs. Gray is also a volunteer canvasser for the Heart Fund and delivers meals for the Meals on Wheels program.

The Kushiro Cup Selection Committee recognizes the extent of Mrs. Gray's commitment to volunteer work in her community and therefore recommend that her efforts be acknowledged.

Honourable Mention - Isobel Roper

Mrs. Roper is recognized as a tireless volunteer worker and specifically, the convener of the Burnaby Cancer Dressing Station. She supervises the making and distribution of cancer dressings which are given free of charge to cancer patients in B.C. The material for the cancer dressings are donated by the Order of the Easter Star, a project which was initiated in 1946. Mrs. Roper has been honoured by Burnaby Hospital for her volunteer work in this field.

The Kushiro Cup Selection Committee recognizes citizens like Mrs. Roper who give of their time and energy to keep this much needed service thriving. It is for this reason that the Committee recommends that her efforts be acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Gary Begin

Councillor Celest Redman

Councillor Nick Volkow