

CITY OF BURNABY

ENVIRONMENT AND WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

RE: ENVIRONMENTAL STARS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council award an Environmental Star in Communications to Les Leighton.
2. **THAT** Council award an Environmental Star in Community Stewardship to Steve Mancinelli.
3. **THAT** the Environmental Stars be presented at the BC Rivers Day celebration at Fraser River Foreshore Park on 2001 September 30.

REPORT

The Environment and Waste Management Committee, at its Open meeting held on 2001 September 11, provided nominations for City of Burnaby Environmental Stars. The Committee advised that these individuals have demonstrated exemplary works which benefit the City's natural environment.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D. Johnston
Chair

Councillor C. Redman
Vice Chair

Councillor B. Der
Member

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TO: CHAIR & MEMBERS
ENVIRONMENT & WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

September 7, 2001

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

OUR FILE: 11.800.1

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL STARS

PURPOSE: To recommend two recipients for the City of Burnaby Environmental Stars Program.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council be requested to confer the following Environmental Stars:
 - a) An Environmental Star in Communications be presented to Les Leighton.
 - b) An Environmental Star in Community Stewardship be presented to Steve Mancinelli.
3. **THAT** the Environmental Stars be presented at the BC Rivers Day celebration at Fraser River Foreshore Park on 2001 September 30.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

At its meeting of 2000 March 27, Council adopted the terms of reference for the Environmental Stars Program (Appendix A, *attached*) to recognize important environmental works by members of the community which fall outside the scope of the Environment Awards Program. Unlike the Environment Awards, which are presented annually during Environment Week, Environmental Stars may be conferred throughout the year, and may be advanced by either the Environment and Waste Management Committee or Council. The first Environmental Stars were awarded during Environment Week 2000, and during Environment Week 2001, eight Environmental Stars were conferred. Two nominations for Environmental Stars have been received and are now being advanced for consideration by the Committee.

2.0 Communications Star: Les Leighton

Over the past four years, Mr. Leighton has prepared numerous video productions on a volunteer basis, primarily for the Stoney Creek Environment Committee (SCEC). Mr.

Leighton has developed and built a unique and inexpensive method of making underwater photos and videos. He has spent countless hours walking streams in Burnaby, particularly Stoney Creek, making high resolution underwater photos and videos of such things as adult salmon during spawning migration, juvenile salmon and trout, and other aquatic species such as crayfish. He has also documented significant events and stewardship activities in the Stoney Creek area.

Mr. Leighton's photos and videos have been utilized by the SCEC as well as by local schools. The videos serve as a teaching tool and a powerful reminder of the diversity and significance of aquatic species in our local streams.


3.0 Community Stewardship Star: Steve Mancinelli

Mr. Steve Mancinelli has been active in environmental stewardship in Burnaby for over thirty years. Very interested in urban sustainability and ecologically sensitive technologies, Mr. Mancinelli has been recycling at both home and work for decades. In fact, he introduced recycling programs at two schools while working as a custodian. He has been very active in native plant salvages and relocations from development sites, and grows and donates native trees. He has been a director of the Mountain Preservation Society, which has worked towards the preservation of part of the Simon Fraser University lands on Burnaby Mountain as a conservation area. The group helped to raise community awareness of the importance of protecting one of the City's most significant ecological reserves through interpretive walks, publications, public meetings, and communications with Simon Fraser University, City Council and the Province.

Mr. Mancinelli has been active in preserving and enhancing Burnaby's natural environment for over thirty years. The community benefits significantly through the efforts of such volunteer stewards.

3.0 CONCLUSION

Two candidates have been advanced for Environmental Stars, Les Leighton and Steve Mancinelli. It is recommended that the Environmental Stars be presented at the BC Rivers Day celebration at Fraser River Foreshore Park on 2001 September 30.


J.S. Belhouse, Director
PLANNING AND BUILDING

Appendix A

City of Burnaby Environmental Stars Categories

The City of Burnaby Environment Stars recognize contributions made by individuals, organizations or companies to improve Burnaby's environment and our understanding of it. The Environmental Stars program is intended to recognize important environmental works by members of the community which fall outside the scope of the Environment Awards. The program increases awareness of opportunities available to the public and the City to become more environmentally responsible. While the specific categories of awards are described below, the Committee does reserve the right to recommend awards to candidates that do not fall into any of the categories as outlined.

Communication

This category includes newspaper articles, publications, video, audio, multi-media or visual/ graphic presentations that help to increase the awareness and understanding of environmental issues in Burnaby. The nominated work should demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of an environmental issue and its relationship to the citizens of Burnaby. Newspaper articles may be in the form of regular constructive reporting on environmental issues or may be serial in format, thoroughly researched and referenced, and prominently featured within the newspaper. Other publications such as magazine articles or books should offer in depth profiles or insight into specific environmental characteristics and issues found in Burnaby and be readily available in Burnaby bookstores. Awards in the video, audio and multimedia category should be granted to those works that exploit their media format to provide insightful, and possible interactive, educational opportunities that may be useful within Burnaby schools and libraries to increase awareness of environmental issues in the City.

Planning and Development

This category highlights exemplary developments that demonstrate innovative environmental features that may include environmentally sensitive site planning, solar energy, water conservation, storm water or wastewater management, conservation of resources through the reuse of materials, the protection and enhancement of urban streams or the enhancement of wildlife habitat in the City. Developments may range in scale from large commercial, industrial, institutional or residential projects to individual new or renovated buildings or sites.

Community Stewardship

This category identifies citizens or groups in Burnaby who have been actively involved in promoting environmental stewardship for several years and who, through their efforts, have increased public awareness of an environmental issue or notably enhanced or rehabilitated the City's environment.

Youth

This category recognizes the contributions that children or teenagers have made, either through their own initiatives or through school or other programs that have resulted in enhanced public awareness of environmental issues or notably enhanced or rehabilitated the City's environment.