

CITY OF BURNABY

KUSHIRO CUP SELECTION COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

SUBJECT: 2000 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Mr. Phil Henderson be selected to receive the Kushiro Cup as Burnaby's 2000 Outstanding Citizen of the Year and that the presentation be made at the Municipal Appreciation Dinner.
2. THAT Mrs. Gerd Evans be selected as 1st Runner-up for Outstanding Citizen of the Year.
3. THAT Mrs. Ida Yardley and Mrs. Diana Mumford receive Honourable Mention for their volunteer contributions to the citizens of the City of Burnaby.

REPORT

Nominations for Burnaby's 2000 Outstanding Citizen of the Year were invited through advertisements in The News Leader and the Burnaby Now newspapers.

Four (4) submissions were received and reviewed by the Kushiro Cup Selection Committee. The Committee notes that all nominees were worthy of the Committee's serious consideration as they have all contributed a tremendous amount of valuable time and commitment to their community.

2000 Outstanding Citizen of the Year

Your Committee, after due consideration, recommends that Mr. Phil Henderson be selected as the recipient of the Kushiro Cup as the 2000 Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

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2000 Outstanding Citizen of the Year

Mr. Henderson graduated from Burnaby South High School in 1939. Following his return from 5 years of service in World War II, he organized the South Burnaby Badminton Club which met and played in the old South Burnaby High School Gym for 16 years.

While his 5 children attended Burnaby schools, Mr. Henderson assisted in PTA work and coached several girls softball teams. As a B.C.I.T. employee, he was instrumental in bringing student housing on campus.

For the past 16 years, Mr. Henderson chaired the Annual Lions Club Skate-A-Thon with all proceeds going to community needs. He assisted in the building of the two Abbeyfield Houses in North Burnaby and was the Treasurer of the Burnaby Loughheed Lions Housing Society which manages four social housing projects. He is highly respected by the members of the Burnaby Lions Club (his nominators) where his hard work has earned him the highest recognition - the Melvin Jones Award.

Mr. Henderson has also served as volunteer auditor for the Girl Guides of Canada, Burnaby/Royal Area and as Secretary and Past President of St. Leonard's Youth and Family Services Society, a large social agency in Burnaby. In addition he is a member and volunteer for Burnaby Mountain Senior Men's Golf Club, an active member of St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Church and a volunteer driver for both Meals on Wheels and seniors transportation.

On top of all of his community contributions, Mr. Henderson also serves Burnaby City Council and its citizens by being appointed as a volunteer member of the Advisory Planning Commission and the Community Issues and Social Planning Committee.

In view of Mr. Henderson's dedicated commitment to volunteer service, the Kushiro Cup Selection Committee is honoured to recommend him as the recipient of the 2000 Outstanding Citizen of the Year award.

1st Runner-Up - 2000 Outstanding Citizen of the Year

Mrs. Gerd Evans is entering her 45th year of volunteer service. A brief history of her contributions include volunteering for the Cubs and Scouts (Stride Pack), Co-founder and Chair of the Burnaby Stride Citizens Committee for 20 years and a life member of the Burnaby Lodge Sons of Norway. Mrs. Evans is also the recipient of the 125th Anniversary Governor General's Commemoration Medal for Volunteerism.

Mrs. Evans served on various committees for Riverside Elementary School, Glenwood School and the Normanna Ladies Auxiliary. She was also a member of the Board of Directors for New Vista Care Home, Dania Home Society, Burnaby Hospital and Normanna.

Mrs. Evans also served City Council and the citizens of Burnaby as a member of the Advisory Planning Commission for 6 years, Traffic Safety Committee for 6 years, Family Court and Youth Justice Committee and the Edmonds Area Advisory Committee.

Mrs. Evans is well recognized as a tireless volunteer whose community has benefitted from her dedication and commitment.

Honourable Mentions

Mrs. Ida Yardley has contributed over 25 years of volunteer service to the community in numerous capacities. As a 3-time past President of the Auxiliary to Burnaby Hospital, Mrs. Yardley's contribution has been invaluable. She has been honoured as a Lifetime Member of the Board of Directors and was recently asked to sit on the Board as an Honourary Director. Mrs. Yardley has also been active as a member of the Elder Board for St. Mathews Anglican Church.

In summary, Mrs. Yardley has donated in excess of 6200 hours of volunteer time to Burnaby Hospital. She has always been available to lend a helping hand, truly cares for others and is a role model for future volunteers to follow.

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

Mrs. Diana Mumford's boundless energy and passion for her community is reflected through her many hours of ongoing volunteer service. With a list too long to mention, several of Mrs. Mumford's activities include Secretary of the B.C. Coalition of Parent Advisory Committees, Vice Chairperson of the District Parent Advisory Committee, Member of the B.C. Safe Schools Committee and the Bike Safety Program. Mrs. Mumford also serves as an Area Coordinator for the Block Watch Program and is the District Parent Advisory Committee's representative to the Burnaby Traffic and Transportation Committee. Mrs. Mumford recently resigned as Chairperson of the New Haven Citizen's Advisory Board in order to pursue other endeavours. In addition, she was the founding member and Chairperson of the Regional Citizens Advisory Board for Provincial Correctional Centres.

Mrs. Mumford has dedicated countless hours towards improving school speed zones and the Rumble Street bus service and, with 4 children of her own, she offers invaluable support to the school system by assisting with field trips, athletic events and teaching cake decorating to students.

The Kushiro Cup Selection Committee recognizes citizens like Mrs. Mumford who give of their time and energy for the betterment of her community. It is for that reason that the Committee recommends that her efforts be acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,

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