

CITY OF BURNABY
KUSHIRO CUP SELECTION COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

SUBJECT: 2001 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Pixie McGeachie receive the Kushiro Cup as Burnaby's 2001 Outstanding Citizen of the Year and that the presentation be made at the Municipal Appreciation Dinner.
2. THAT Eleanor Kool receive 'Honourable Mention' in recognition of her many volunteer contributions.

REPORT

Nominations for Burnaby's 2001 Outstanding Citizen of the Year were invited through advertisements in The News Leader and the Burnaby Now newspapers.

The Kushiro Cup Selection Committee, at its meeting held on 2002 March 21 received and reviewed all nominations submitted. The Committee noted that all nominees were worthy of Council's consideration as they have all contributed a tremendous amount of valuable time and commitment to their community.

2001 Outstanding Citizen of the Year

The Kushiro Cup Selection Committee, after due consideration, recommends that Pixie McGeachie be selected as the recipient of the Kushiro Cup as the 2001 Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

Pixie McGeachie has been a resident of Burnaby for 55 years. She became interested in Burnaby's history when she was editor of the Burnaby Examiner. Her contribution to further the understanding and appreciation of the City's history was developed through her professional research and writing career.

cc: -CITY MANAGER

She has written numerous articles about Burnaby's history which have appeared in the Vancouver Book, Westworld and Pioneer News. Pixie has also authored two books: *"Bygones of Burnaby"*, published in 1974, which documented personal stories and memoirs of early pioneers and, in 1991, Pixie wrote *"Burnaby, A Proud Century; an Historical Commemoration of Burnaby's Centennial"*.

Pixie McGeachie has also contributed many hours volunteering for various historical endeavours of the Burnaby Historical Society. This includes being Chair of the Robert Burnaby Centennial Committee in 1978 and her term as President from 1991 - 1993. Pixie has also served six years as a volunteer member of Burnaby's Community Heritage Commission and continues to pursue her interest in Burnaby's history through her position as the Archives Coordinator for the Burnaby Community Archives.

Currently, Pixie has championed the publication of Robert Burnaby's Letters with the Community Heritage Commission. The publication, entitled *"Land of Promise: Robert Burnaby's Letters from Colonial B.C. 1858 to 1863"* is scheduled to be released in the Fall of 2002.

Pixie McGeachie is also a recipient of the *"Evelyn Salisbury Heritage Award"* which recognizes individuals who increase community awareness and sensitivity to heritage issues. She is also the current President of the *"Friends of the Interurban #1223"*, a non-profit society dedicated to the restoration of Burnaby's historic 1912 interurban tram.

The Kushiro Cup Selection Committee recognizes Pixie McGeachie as an active and valuable source of information for students and community groups and as a citizen who dedicates countless hours pursuing her passion for the betterment of the community. She is truly worthy of receiving the honour of *"Citizen of the Year"*.

Honourable Mention

The Kushiro Cup Selection Committee, after due consideration, recommends that Eleanor Kool receive *"Honourable Mention"* in recognition of her many volunteer contributions to the City of Burnaby.

Mrs. Kool is recognized as a *"diverse"* volunteer donating countless, hard-working hours in the community. Eleanor was actively involved with Lyndhurst Elementary School, arranging swimming lessons, fundraising for the P.T.A. (six years) and organizing field trips, hot dog sales and sports days. She was Publicity Chair for the B.C. Rhododendron Society (four years) and organized a local talent show during the annual Rhodo Festival.

Eleanor Kool has also been a member of the Burnaby Art Gallery. Together with Jack Shadbolt and Sheila Kincaid, Mrs. Kool established the art rental program at the Gallery and her hard work and knowledge of local art were significant factors to the success of the program. She also sewed and donated costumes for the Burnaby Village Ice Cream Parlour.

Mrs. Kool has also volunteered her time to the Burnaby Hospital auxiliary shop, served two years as Vice Chair of the Cameron Centre Advisory Committee, two years on the Lougheed Area Advisory Committee, three years as a citizen representative on Burnaby's Family Court and Youth Justice Committee and six years selling daffodils for the Cancer Society.

The Kushiro Cup Selection Committee recognizes citizens like Mrs. Kool 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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