

CITY OF BURNABY

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS

**RE: CITY OF BURNABY 2004 ENVIRONMENT AWARDS  
AND ENVIRONMENTAL STARS**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** the 2004 Environment Award in Communications be presented to the Westcoast Society for the Protection and Conservation of Reptiles for their work in raising public awareness of the value of reptiles in the natural environment and preserving their natural habitat.
2. **THAT** the 2004 Environment Award in Planning and Development be presented to the Burnaby Habitat for Humanity ReStore for its contribution to the construction of affordable housing through the recycling and reselling of donated new and used building materials and supplies.
3. **THAT** two awards for the 2004 Environment Award in the Community Stewardship category be presented to Joe Sadowski for his long term community stewardship and his years of experience in the construction and education around bird nest boxes, bat boxes and Blue Mason bee boxes; and to Laurel Gurnsey in recognition of her years of teaching service at Buckingham Elementary School and her dedication to environmental education.
4. **THAT** the 2004 Environment Award in Youth be presented to Greg von Euw for his stewardship of Silver Creek.
5. **THAT** the 2004 Environment Award in Chemical-Free Lawns and Gardens (Herbicide and Pesticide Free) be presented to the Northeast Burnaby Organic Community Garden for its long time dedication to chemical-free community gardening.
6. **THAT** a 2004 Environmental Star in Community Stewardship be presented to Ms. Gini Shaw and Mrs. Barbara Sheldon for their organic garden project at Capitol Hill Elementary School.
7. **THAT** a 2004 Environmental Star in Community Stewardship be presented to Honeywell Energy Services Canada for their support of Environment Week 2004 in Burnaby.

8. **THAT** the 2004 Environment Awards and Environmental Stars be presented at a special evening reception on the Hart House grounds, on 2004 June 02, to be generously sponsored by Honeywell.
9. **THAT** the terms of reference for the Communications category be revised to include community events as outlined in Section 3.1 of this report and in *Appendix A, attached*.

REPORT

The Environment Committee, at its Open meeting held on 2004 May 11, adopted the *attached* report recommending the recipients of the 2004 City of Burnaby Environment Awards and Environmental Stars. The citizen members of the Environment Committee advised that these individuals have demonstrated exemplary works which enhance the City's natural environment while encouraging stewardship.

Respectfully submitted,

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**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

2004 MAY 06

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**SUBJECT:** CITY OF BURNABY 2004 ENVIRONMENT AWARDS  
AND ENVIRONMENTAL STARS

**PURPOSE:** To recommend the recipients of the 2004 City of Burnaby Environment Awards and Environmental Stars.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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2. **THAT** the Environment Committee recommend the following Environmental Stars to Council:
  - a) That a 2004 Environmental Star in Community Stewardship be presented to Ms. Gini Shaw and Mrs. Barbara Sheldon for their organic garden project at Capitol Hill Elementary School.
  - b) That a 2004 Environmental Star in Community Stewardship be presented to Honeywell Energy Services Canada for their support of Environment Week 2004 in Burnaby.
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4. **THAT** the terms of reference for the Communications category be revised to include community events as outlined in Section 3.1 of this report and in *Appendix A, attached*.

## REPORT

### 1.0 BACKGROUND

Within the State of the Environment Report (SOER), adopted in 1993, there is a provision for Shared Stewardship, an idea that seeks opportunities for community stewardship, environmental awareness and public information. One of the specific ideas discussed in the report is the need “to establish an environmental awards program to recognize environmental achievements.” Council subsequently adopted terms of reference for an environmental awards program to recognize important environmental achievements in a variety of areas. The first City Environment Awards were presented during Environment Week 1996, and have occurred annually during Environment Week since that date.

At its meeting of 2000 March 27, Council adopted the terms of reference for the Environmental Stars program to recognize important environmental works by members of the community which fall outside the scope of the Environment Awards. The first Environmental Stars were awarded during Environment Week 2000, and have subsequently been awarded during Environment Week and on BC Rivers Day.

The recommendations for the 2004 Environment Awards and 2004 Environmental Stars are outlined in this report, as advanced by the citizen representatives of the Environment

Committee for the consideration of the Committee. The terms of reference for the City of Burnaby Environment Award and Environmental Stars Programs are outlined in *Appendix A, attached*.

## 2.0 AWARD PROCESS

A call for nominations is made annually through the local newspapers and on the City's web page. The Environment Awards are given annually by Council, through recommendations of citizen representatives of the Environment Committee. The Committee is not compelled to recommend Award winners to Council in any or all categories if they feel there are no appropriate candidates in a given year. Multiple recipients can also be named in any category. The Environmental Stars can be awarded throughout the year, and recommendations may come from either the citizen representatives or members of Council.

It is recommended that the Awards and Stars be announced at the regular Council meeting of 2004 May 17, accompanied by a brief presentation of the winners and their works, and be presented at a special Environment Week evening reception at the Hart House Restaurant, hosted by Council, on 2004 June 02. Sponsorship of the awards reception has generously been provided by Honeywell, the City's partner in the EnergyFit initiative.

## 3.0 2004 ENVIRONMENT AWARDS

### 3.1 Communications Award

The citizen representatives recommend that the 2004 Environment Award for Communications be presented to:

*The Westcoast Society for the Protection and Conservation of Reptiles (WSPCR) for their work in raising public awareness of the value of reptiles in the natural environment and preserving their natural habitat.*

Originally named The Herpetological Society of British Columbia, the Westcoast Society for the Protection and Conservation of Reptiles, has been working throughout the Lower Mainland for over forty years towards the preservation of reptiles and their natural environment. With its active Burnaby-based members, the WSCPR has in recent years become increasingly more involved in local community events and activities communicating the Society's message regarding the importance of reptiles and their environment.

The founding objectives of the WSPCR are to educate the public about the benefits of wild reptiles in the environment, to encourage the preservation of their natural habitats and to stop the collection of wild reptiles for the pet trade. To this end, the

WSPCR's members and their reptile pets, many of which have been either bred through the already domestic animal stock or which have been rescued from individuals no longer capable of caring for their animal, conduct educational programs providing hands-on experience to members of the public. Through their participation at local community events, the WSPCR offers people the unique opportunity to interact with a diverse range of species such as turtles, snakes and lizards. In recent years, the WSPCR have been able to share their experience and knowledge at local schools, pre-schools, day cares, Cub, Beaver, Guide and Scout troops and community centres as a means of raising public awareness of reptiles and their important role in the natural environment. In addition, the society operates a successful adoption service which provides new homes for abandoned reptiles.

The WSCPR has been participating in annual community events at such venues as the Richmond Nature Park since 1984, Vancouver's Science World since 1988, North Vancouver's Lynn Canyon Ecology Centre since 1990, as well as at the City of Burnaby's Discover Day since 1990, BC Rivers Day celebrations since 2002 and are currently liaising with the Great Salmon Send-Off Committee for their participating in the 2004 event.

The WSCPR is recognized in the category of Community Stewardship for their unique and interactive approach to raising public awareness of reptiles and their natural environment. Arising from their consideration of this nominee, the citizen representatives of the Environment Committee recommend that the terms of reference for the Communications category be revised to reflect "events" as another communication medium.

### **3.2 Planning and Development Award**

The recommended recipient of the City of Burnaby 2004 Environment Award in Planning and Development is:

*The Burnaby Habitat for Humanity ReStore for its contribution to the construction of affordable housing through the recycling and reselling of donated new and used building materials and supplies.*

As noted on the Habitat for Humanity website, "ReStores are building supply stores that accept and resell quality new and used building materials. They generate funds to support Habitat's building programs, while reducing the amount of used materials that are headed for overflowing landfills! They are an environmentally friendly store that makes sense!"

Habitat for Humanity is an international, non-profit society that endeavors to eliminate poverty by working with families in need to build and finance affordable

housing. Since its foundation in 1976, Habitat for Humanity have been responsible for placing over 160,000 families in homes located in over 92 countries around the world. Within Burnaby, Habitat for Humanity has constructed Habitat homes for low-income families on the site located at 8745 Government Road.

The Burnaby ReStore, the only Habitat for Humanity store of its kind in the Lower Mainland, has been in operation since the fall of 2002, occupying an approximately 10,000 square foot store that offers a range of discount new and used home building materials and supplies, with products such as designer paints, light fixtures, lumber, appliances and flooring. Materials are donated from individuals, the building and film industries, as well as other retail stores that donate display models and discontinued inventory. The ReStore estimates that in 2003, approximately 270 tonnes of materials were kept from entering landfills through the recycling and reusing initiatives of the ReStore. It is important to note that the Burnaby ReStore is run through volunteer efforts, save for two paid staff members who coordinate the daily activities of the ReStore volunteers, some of whom work in the store to earn credit towards new Habitat homes.

The Burnaby ReStore has been featured in a number of newspaper articles including a recent series in the Vancouver Sun entitled "Spending With a Social Conscience", which highlighted the ReStore's unique approach to both environmental and social sustainability. In addition to the environmental benefits of recycling reusable building materials and supplies, proceeds from the sales are used to fund Habitat for Humanity building projects within the lower mainland. For both reasons, the Burnaby ReStore is the recommended recipient of the 2004 Environment Award in the Planning and Development Category. The Burnaby ReStore has also just initiated a recycling program, co-sponsored by ALCAN, that will have ALCAN donating matching funds to the Habitat for Humanity Society of Greater Vancouver for all aluminium cans that the ReStore recycles, a program which was launched on Earth Day 2004 (April 22) and which will be replicated at all ReStores across Canada.

The positive benefits of the Habitat for Humanity's cause cannot be overstated: through their unique ReStore concept, reusable building materials are being recycled and kept out of local landfills, while funds are being raised for the construction of affordable homes to meet the needs of Burnaby residents.

### **3.3 Community Stewardship Award**

The citizen representatives recommend that two awards be presented for the City of Burnaby 2004 Environment Award in Community Stewardship. The first recommended recipient is:

*Mr. Joe Sadowski for his long term community stewardship and his years of experience in the construction and education around bird nest boxes, bat boxes and Blue Mason bee boxes.*

Mr. Joe Sadowski has a long history of dedicated environmental stewardship within the City of Burnaby. Mr. Sadowski is a founding member of the Burnaby Lake Advisory Association (BLAA), which has been active since 1971 in the Burnaby Lake Park area, the Outdoor Education Club and is currently a member of the Burnaby Lake Park Association. Mr. Sadowski has spent the last 30+ years introducing countless adults, students and children to the wonders of Burnaby Lake through educational programs and recreational enhancements. For example, he assisted in the construction of 11 km of trail around Burnaby Lake, the development of the Nature House and other projects which the BLAA has participated in. In 1998, the BLAA received the City's Environment Award in Community Stewardship and in 2000, Joe Sadowski was awarded an Environmental Star in Community Stewardship for his achievements.

In addition to his work with the BLAA, over the years Joe Sadowski's name has become synonymous with bird nest boxes. Thirty five years ago, Mr. Sadowski, then a teacher, chose birdhouses as a hands-on project for Grade 6 and 7 science students and for his Scout troop. Before long, Mr. Sadowski became known as a regional expert in bird house design and construction, and there are now literally thousands of nest boxes of Mr. Sadowski's design throughout the Lower Mainland, including the many bird nest boxes created through the Burnaby Nest Box Program at Burnaby and Deer Lakes.

Mr. Sadowski has since added Blue Mason bee propagation (through nest boxes) to his repertoire, and has done innovative work on their design and maintenance. His work in this regard has been featured in the local Gardens West magazine (July/August 2003) and he conducts frequent workshops and tutorials.

Most importantly is Joe Sadowski's passion to share his knowledge and to inspire others, young and old alike. Mr. Sadowski continues to assist groups in nest box construction, using kits based on his designs, and to hold public workshops sponsored by the Greater Vancouver Regional District. He also designs and gives workshops on the construction of bird feeders, bat houses, duck boxes and most recently, Blue Mason bee boxes, as noted above. Mr. Sadowski attends numerous events to display his various boxes and instructs and informs the public on their construction, placement and maintenance. Joe Sadowski's dedication, commitment and contributions to Burnaby's natural environment are evident in both the hours spent constructing and monitoring nest boxes and the abundance of wildlife they have spawned.



The second recommended recipient of the City of Burnaby 2004 Environment Award in Community Stewardship is:

*Laurel Gurnsey in recognition of her years of teaching service at Buckingham Elementary School and her dedication to environmental education.*

Laurel Gurnsey is a teacher at Buckingham Elementary School who will be retiring this year after 35 years of teaching service, the last 19 of which have been with Buckingham Elementary School. During her time with the students and staff at Buckingham Elementary School, Laurel has had the opportunity to promote environmental awareness and education through a series of programs and initiatives, such as:

- participation in the “Kids to Save the Earth” Program and related activities;
- school and community clean-up days;
- establishment of a school garden designed and planted with native species;
- coordination of the school’s recycling program;
- education regarding household products; and
- participation in waste audits for Burnaby City Hall.

In 2001, the City of Burnaby awarded Buckingham Elementary School an Environment Award in the Youth category for 15 years of environmental stewardship and education and the completion of literally hundreds of individual environmental projects. Since that time, Buckingham Elementary School has reached the highest level of recognition through the Green Schools program with the completion of 1,000 environmental projects. It was through the efforts of Laurel Gurnsey that the school community as a whole was honoured by receiving the Environment Award, as the projects and programs were initiated by this dedicated teacher and mentor. The parents and staff of Buckingham School put forward the nomination for Laurel Gurnsey in the category of Community Stewardship in honour of her upcoming retirement from the teaching profession, and as a means of thanking her for her efforts in spearheading the many programs that have been offered through Buckingham Elementary School to raise the environmental awareness of its students.

### **3.4 Youth Award**

The citizen representatives recommend the 2004 Environment Award in the Youth category be presented to :

*Greg von Euw for his stewardship of Silver Creek.*

Greg von Euw is twelve years old and has been involved in streamkeeping activities in Burnaby since he was only four years old. Greg’s efforts in acting as a steward for

Silver Creek, a tributary of Burnaby Lake, are exceptional for an individual of his age.

Greg has completed the Streamkeepers Training Program as the only youth in a class of adults. He regularly attends Streamkeeper Roundtable meetings with representatives from Burnaby streamkeeper groups and contributes fully to discussions around issues related to community stewardship and the preservation and enhancement of salmon habitat. The Burnaby Streamkeepers note that Greg has taken on the responsibility for stewardship with unflagging enthusiasm.

In addition to frequent visits to his adopted stream, sometimes early in the morning to check on his juvenile fish traps before he goes to school, Greg has also organized community streamkeeping events involving both youth and adult volunteers. For example, he recently organized and hosted a Scout event on Silver Creek, collecting streambed samples for demonstration and supervising the placement of native plant species along the bank of Silver Creek. In addition, Greg and his family recently took an entire trailer load of plants salvaged from the Lower Seymour Conservation Reserve to replant along the Silver Creek corridor. Greg has also written letters to property owners within the watershed area to raise the awareness of environmental issues within the Silver Creek corridor. Greg's streamkeeping achievements have also included tree plantings, painting mosaic fish for the Stream of Dreams mural projects, and volunteering at local community events, including the annual Great Salmon Send-Off.

Greg has been noted in local newspaper articles for his efforts as the youngest streamkeeper for Silver Creek, and most recently was featured in the Spring 2004 edition of *StreamTalk*, a newsletter for stewards. The City of Burnaby honoured Greg von Euw as a Local Hero in December of 2003 for his streamkeeping efforts.

Greg has demonstrated an unusually high degree of reliability, responsibility and commitment as a streamkeeper for an individual of such a young age, and it is because of his passion for streamkeeping that it is recommended that Greg be presented the 2004 Environment Award in the Youth category.

### 3.5 Chemical-Free Lawns and Gardens (Herbicide and Pesticide Free) Award

The citizen representatives recommend that the 2004 Environment Award for Communications be presented to:

*The Northeast Burnaby Organic Community Garden for its long time dedication to chemical-free community gardening.*

The Northeast Burnaby Organic Community Garden is a community-based organic garden which is run through the Northeast Burnaby Community Association

(NEBCA). Located near the Stoney Creek Community School on the Terasen right-of-way, the garden was initiated in 1994 through the efforts of a dedicated group of community volunteers. The community garden is intended to be used by area residents, many of which reside in townhouse or apartment units and may not have yard space within which to plant and maintain a garden. The garden offers a total of 81 community plots, all developed and maintained according to the principles of organic gardening. Without the use of chemical herbicides, pesticides or fertilizers, community gardeners grow fruits, vegetables and flowers, which collectively have developed into a stunning urban organic garden, attracting visitors from all areas of Burnaby.

The Organic Community Garden offers area residents the opportunity to share their knowledge of gardening and environmental issues. There are currently 32 keen garden members actively involved in the organic garden, including organizations such as the Guides and the Burnaby Mental Wealth Society. In addition, classes from neighbouring Stoney Creek Community School participate in the garden and maintain class plots.

The organic community garden group is currently planning for the replacement of the rotting wooden retaining beams with new beams manufactured with recycled plastic, which have been produced for the purpose of creating retaining walls where the use of chemically-treated wood beams would not be appropriate. The organic community garden group researched this innovative alternative and have received funding assistance for the purchase of the beams, tools, top soil and garden supplies for this project through their fundraising initiatives.

The Northeast Burnaby Organic Community Garden is an excellent example of the application of chemical-free gardening principles within a setting focused on community involvement and the sharing of knowledge through hands-on practice. The citizen representatives recommend that the 2004 Environment Award for Chemical Free Lawns and Gardens (Herbicide and Pesticide Free) be presented to the Northeast Burnaby Organic Community Garden.

#### **4.0 2004 ENVIRONMENTAL STARS**

- 4.1** The citizen representatives recommend a 2004 Environmental Star in Community Stewardship be presented to:

*Ms. Gini Shaw and Mrs. Barbara Sheldon, Capitol Hill Elementary School for their organic garden project at Capitol Hill Elementary School.*

Ms. Gini Shaw, an E.S.L. teacher and Mrs. Barbara Sheldon, a Grades 1 and 2 teacher, are recognized for their efforts in creating an organic garden on the Capitol

Hill Elementary School property. These two teachers initiated a plan to create and plant an organic garden on the school grounds as a means of providing hands-on education for their students. The project received a *Healthy Schools Initiative* grant in the amount of \$750 from the Ministry of Children and Family Development. These two teachers were responsible for writing the winning proposal, which was developed with direct input from the students. The garden project also received a grant from the Starbucks Coffee Company in the amount of \$650, who in support of the project wrote "We thank Capitol Hill Elementary School for your ongoing efforts to improve the lives of people living in our community."

Ms. Shaw and Mrs. Sheldon designed and executed the garden plans, including the installation of a retaining wall. They worked tirelessly to plan, arrange funding and incorporate the organic garden into the students' curriculum to provide an experience for the students in environmental awareness. Through the garden project, the students' understanding of science and social studies has been enhanced with hands-on involvement in plants and the life cycles, as well as growing seasons and harvesting celebrations.

The garden project required the teachers to dedicate additional time and energy outside of the regular classroom hours, in addition to several weekend work sessions. It is noted that many of the over 140 students who worked in the garden were E.S.L. students, the majority of whom live in apartment buildings where they have very limited opportunity for gardening. The garden has become a popular feature of the school property and the School now plans to expand the garden to allow more students to have access to this unique "outdoor classroom" experience.

It is recommended that Ms. Gini Shaw and Mrs. Barbara Sheldon be presented with an Environmental Star in the Community Stewardship category for their efforts and achievements in raising community awareness of environmental issues and that the Capitol Hill Elementary School students involved in the creation and planting on the garden be presented with special certificates of achievement for their role in the organic garden project.

- 4.2 The Committee recommends a 2004 Environmental Star in Community Stewardship be presented to:

*Honeywell Energy Services Canada for their support of Environment Week 2004 in Burnaby.*

The City of Burnaby has undertaken a review of the energy performance of its buildings and facilities in conjunction with Honeywell Energy Services Canada. This review focuses on energy efficient solutions designed to upgrade facilities, reduce operating costs, improve indoor air quality and reduce environmental emissions.

Honeywell is sponsoring Environment Week 2004 activities in Burnaby, including the Environment Awards evening. In addition, Honeywell is participating in the pre-Environment Week fair at City Hall on Wednesday, May 26, with a display encouraging energy reduction at both the workplace and home. Honeywell is also sponsoring a free “jumpy castle” at the Hats Off Day celebration on Saturday, June 5, in conjunction with their energy reduction display.

These efforts indicate a strong desire to promote energy efficiency for both business and residents. As such, it is recommended that Honeywell Energy Services Canada be presented with an Environmental Star in Community Stewardship for their support of Environment Week 2004 in Burnaby.

## 5.0 CONCLUSION

The citizen representatives of the Environment Committee recommend that the recipients identified in this report receive the 2004 City Environment Awards and 2004 Environment Star as outlined. The citizen representatives believe these individuals and groups have demonstrated exemplary works which enhance the City’s natural environment while encouraging stewardship.

It is recommended that the 2004 City Environment Awards be announced on 2004 May 17 at the regular meeting of Council. It is also proposed that the awards be presented at a special evening reception at the Hart House Restaurant, hosted by Council, on 2004 June 02. The Awards evening also serves as an opportunity for the City to host its many environmental volunteers and community stewards.

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## Appendix A

### City of Burnaby Environment Award & Environmental Stars Categories

The City of Burnaby Environment Awards recognize outstanding 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. Both programs increase 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. It should be noted that the same categories apply to both the Awards and the Stars, although the criteria for the Stars is less rigorous.

#### *Communications*

This category includes newspaper articles, publications, video, audio, multi-media or visual/ graphic presentations and community or public events 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.

### *Chemical-Free Lawns and Gardens (Herbicide and Pesticide Free)*

This category recognizes those in the community who have demonstrated and undertaken chemical-free approaches to gardening and landscaping, and which provide a strong showcase for alternative approaches to cosmetic herbicide and pesticide use in the City.

