



Meeting 2008 APR 14

COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS

DATE: 2008 APRIL 08

FROM: KUSHIRO CUP SELECTION COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: 2007 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – GLORIA INGLIS

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for information purposes..

REPORT

Burnaby City Council, at the 'Closed' Council meeting held on 2008 April 07, adopted the recommendation of the Kushiro Cup Selection Committee that Gloria Inglis receive the Kushiro Cup as Burnaby's 2007 Outstanding Citizen of the Year and that the presentation be made at the City Appreciation Dinner.

Nominations for Burnaby's 2007 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 2006 March 17, received and reviewed all nominations submitted.

2007 Outstanding Citizen of the Year

The Kushiro Cup Selection Committee is recommending Gloria Inglis as the recipient of the Kushiro Cup as the 2007 Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

Gloria Inglis has been chosen for this award due to her commitment to the residents of Burnaby for the past 17 years. Gloria currently participates with a number of organizations, a volunteer for the Burnaby Hospice, Burnaby Citizen Support Services (Shopping Buddies program), the CNIB and is a member of the City of Burnaby Community Policing Committee.

CC: CITY MANAGER

Gloria began her Burnaby volunteer service in 1974 when she and her late husband delivered meals to Burnaby residents for the Meals on Wheels program out of the South Burnaby United Church. In 1992 Mrs. Inglis became a volunteer for the Burnaby Hospital Thrift Shop and still gives time to this valuable organization and, upon the passing of her husband in 1993, she became a Senior Peer Counsellor and was a co-founder of "On Our Own" a social club for widows and widowers in Burnaby.

In 1996 Gloria was honoured for her 15 years of volunteer service with Burnaby Citizen Support Services, however her Shopping Buddies work goes far beyond just shopping. As noted in the words of one of her supporters *"Gloria became much more than my shopping buddy, she has helped me in every sphere of my life...She visits me regularly and gives me advice whenever I ask for it; drives me for medical appointments, posts my parcels...she has become a dear and trusted friend."* Mrs. Inglis volunteered for Burnaby RCMP Victim Services from 1995 to 1996, contributing over 1600 hours serving clients by offering comfort and assistance to people at the most difficult times of their lives. As noted in a letter of support *"Gloria's warmth and limitless empathy is her gift"*. Most recently, Gloria has brought her *"deep empathy and authenticity"* to her volunteer work at the Burnaby Hospice Society as a bereavement phone team volunteer and providing emotional support for the terminally ill.

The mother of two daughters, Gloria has lived in Burnaby since 1974 and has also found time to sit on the Board of Managers of Gordon Presbyterian Church.

The words compassionate, hard worker, warmth, reliability and commitment are all found in the letters of support received from representatives from the various organizations with whom Mrs. Inglis has shared her time. These are the qualities that make Mrs. Gloria Inglis truly worthy of receiving the honour of *"Citizen of the Year"*.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Colleen Jordan
Chair

Councillor Sav Dhaliwal
Member

Councillor Garth Evans
Member