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**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: CITY OF BURNABY 2008 ENVIRONMENT AWARD PROGRAM**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT Council receive this report for information.

**REPORT**

Council, at the 'Closed' Council meeting held on 2008 May 26, received and adopted the *attached* report containing this years recipients of Burnaby's Environment Awards and Environmental Stars.

A copy of this report is being forwarded to the 2008 May 26 'Open' Council meeting for information.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair

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**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

**DATE:** 2008 May 5

**FROM:** CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVES

**FILE:** 33000-01  
*Reference: Environment Awards*

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**SUBJECT: CITY OF BURNABY 2008 ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS PROGRAM**

**PURPOSE:** To recommend the recipients of the 2008 City of Burnaby Environment Awards and Environmental Stars.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** the Environment Committee recommend the following 2008 Environment Awards to Council:
  - a. The 2008 Environment Award in the Communications category be presented to Danny Catt for his use of multi-media presentations and interactive websites exploring sustainability in Burnaby and around the world.
  - b. The 2008 Environment Award in Planning and Development be presented to reSource Rethinking Building Inc. and VanCity Enterprises Ltd. for the development of the Verdant at SFU, an affordable townhouse development built to high green building standards.
  - c. The 2008 Environment Award in Planning and Development be presented to the Burnaby School District for its extensive and ongoing energy retrofit of Burnaby schools
  - d. The 2008 Environment Award in Community Stewardship be presented to Joan Carne for her stewardship of Byrne Creek, her leadership in the Stream of Dreams project, and her service on the City's Environment Committee.
  - e. The 2008 Environment Award in Community Stewardship be presented to John Thomson for his lifetime of dedication to stewardship of Burnaby

Lake, his work as a streamkeeper, his dedication to the nest box program, and his continued service to the community.

- f. The 2008 Environment Award in Community Stewardship be presented to Tony Fabian for his lifetime of dedication to stewardship of Burnaby Lake, his role as an advocate for the environment, and to his ongoing work in learning and educating the community about environmental issues.
  - g. The 2008 Environment Award in Community Stewardship be presented to Vladimir Soukhatchev for his role in initiating a baseline water quality assessment and an ongoing monitoring program for Stoney Creek.
  - h. The 2008 Environment Award in Youth be presented to Theresa Konrad for her dedication and leadership role in her school's environment club, and her role in motivating her classmates to participate in community stewardship activities.
  - i. The 2008 Environment Award in Youth be presented to Cindy Na for her involvement in her school's Environmental Club and her leadership in organizing fellow students to clean up Burnaby's public places.
  - j. The 2008 Environment Award in Chemical Free Lawns and Gardens be presented to Glenn Gytenbeek for his long time dedication to natural, chemical free gardening, and his approach to eradicating the chafer beetle pest.
2. **THAT** the Environment Committee recommend the following Environmental Stars to Council:
- a. Laura Thomsen, for her leadership of the Great Canadian Shore Line Clean up at Stoney Creek, and involvement with the Stoney Creek Environmental Committee.
  - b. Jacques Whitford Axys, for their commitment to becoming a carbon-neutral company, and the steps they have taken in pursuit of this goal in the past year.
3. **THAT** the 2008 Environment Awards and Environmental Stars be announced on 2008 May 26 at the regular meeting of Council, and that the awards be presented at a special afternoon reception at the Burnaby Lake Rowing Pavilion, on 2008 June 8, to be generously sponsored by Honeywell.

## 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 endorsed the Environmental Stars program to recognize important environmental works by members of the community which fall outside the scope of the Environment Awards.

The recommendations for the 2008 Environment Awards and Environmental Stars are outlined in this report for consideration of the Committee, as advanced by the citizen representatives of the Environment 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, and Environment Awards are given annually by Council. Recommendations are advanced by the Environment Committee, based on proposals by the citizen representatives of the 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 the members of Council on the Committee.

It is recommended that the Burnaby Environment Award and Environmental Stars be announced at the regular Council meeting of 2008 May 26, and be presented at a special Environment Week afternoon reception at Burnaby Lake Rowing Pavilion, hosted by Council, on 2008 June 8. Corporate sponsorship for the Environment Awards reception has once again been generously provided by Honeywell, the City's partner in the *EnergyFit* building retrofit program.

### **3.0 2008 ENVIRONMENT AWARDS**

#### **Communications Award**

The citizen representatives recommend that the 2008 Environment Award for Communications be presented to:

*Danny Catt for his use of multi-media presentations and interactive web sites exploring sustainability in Burnaby and around the world.*

Danny Catt is an instructor of ecology and recreational land management in the Fish, Wildlife and Recreation (FWR) Program at BCIT. A long time resident of Burnaby, Danny has been an environmental educator for over 25 years. Recently, Danny took sabbatical time to complete two teaching and learning journeys called “Catt Trax,” whose purpose was to create an international dialogue on sustainability by showing how we are all connected to the world around us. Both journeys were documented BCIT-sponsored web sites, the most recent being “Catt Trax 2” trip in 2006 through the Americas and Antarctica (at <http://blogs.bcit.ca/catttrax2/journey>). The website for Catt Trax 2 was designed for interaction and learning; allowing BCIT students and other community members to follow Danny’s journeys, ask questions on-line, and receive his responses while he was away. Danny and other BCIT instructors used both journeys as teaching material for their Burnaby students, discussing broader global challenges in relationship to Burnaby’s local challenges and opportunities. While abroad, Danny gave presentations on Burnaby and its approach to sustainability, to help share knowledge of his city with an international audience. As an outstanding photographer, Danny has also documented local and international ecosystems, people, plants and animals on camera. Danny uses these images in his work as an educator, giving creative multi-media presentations of photography, music, and dialogue to organizations all over the Lower Mainland. In Burnaby, he has been as a guest lecturer on several occasions to staff and students at SFU, to staff and Alumni at BCIT, to many elementary schools, at science fairs, to stewardship groups such as the Burnaby Lake Park Association, and to Burnaby’s Rotary Clubs. Danny is also an active member of the BCIT Environmental Awareness Committee whose goal is to increase awareness of environmental and sustainability issues on campus and in the community.

For his use of multi-media presentations and interactive web sites exploring sustainability in Burnaby and around the world, Danny Catt has been recommended to receive an Environmental Award in the category of Communications.

#### **Planning and Development Awards**

The citizen representatives recommend that 2008 Environment Awards in Planning and Development be presented to:

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*reSource Rethinking Building Inc. and VanCity Enterprises Ltd., for the development of the Verdant at SFU, an affordable townhouse development built to high green building standards.*

The Verdant is a family-oriented townhouse development at SFU for staff and faculty members, and was built to achieve high energy efficiency, a healthy indoor environment, efficient water use, and to incorporate other green building characteristics. The project uses a geoexchange and solar heating system that provides in-floor radiant heat, achieving exceptionally high energy efficiency estimated at 60% less energy use than a code building. The units were sold at 20% below market value, and affordability is protected in perpetuity through a restrictive covenant. The geo-exchange heating system was separately financed by a loan agreement through VanCity, which will be paid off over time, and will serve to drop already low energy costs for residents even further once the loan is paid. Healthy interior spaces were created through the use of low emission carpet, low VOC paints, adhesives and sealants, and improved ventilation. To encourage the use of more sustainable transportation, residents are provided transit passes at same rate as SFU students' U-Pass, and two car co-op spaces are dedicated in the development. Low flow faucets, showers, dual flush toilets, and water efficient appliances are used throughout the development to contribute to water efficiency, and stormwater is retained on site, reducing the rate of run-off into streams. Recycled and highly durable materials were used in construction to ensure a long life for the building, and existing trees were retained wherever possible on site. The project is undergoing the LEED certification process, and has been recognized with awards from the Urban Development Institute in 2007 for "Innovations in Creating More Sustainable Development" and "Innovations in Creating More Affordable Housing".

For the development of the Verdant, an affordable townhouse development built to high green building standards, reSource Rethinking Building and VanCity Enterprises are recommended to receive an Environment Award in the category of Planning and Development.

*Burnaby School District for its extensive and ongoing energy retrofit of Burnaby schools.*

The Burnaby School District, under Director of Facilities, Phil Shepherd, has completed a retrofit of five of Burnaby's largest secondary schools to improve their energy efficiency. Since 2003, with the introduction of the PowerSmart Program to Burnaby School District, and with nearly \$324,000 in incentive funds from BC Hydro, the district has reduced annual energy spending by 19.2% (saving 2.8 million kilowatt hours a year, which equates to an annual savings of \$182,000). The district has converted to compact fluorescent light bulbs, put occupancy sensors in classrooms, changed exit signs to LED lighting, replaced old boilers in 4 schools, programmed computers to shut down when not in use, and educated staff about ways of saving energy. Burnaby has the second lowest usage per square kilometre of any school district in BC – this is without all of the schools having been retrofitted. The commitment to the retrofit of Burnaby Schools is ongoing,

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and the schools that have not undergone an energy upgrade yet are being reviewed for inclusion in the program in future.

For its extensive and ongoing energy retrofit of Burnaby schools, the Burnaby School District is recommended to receive an Environment Award in the category of Planning and Development

### **Community Stewardship Awards**

The citizen representatives recommend that 2008 Environment Awards in Community Stewardship be presented to:

*Joan Carne, for her stewardship of Byrne Creek, her leadership in the Stream of Dreams project, and her service on the City's Environment Committee.*

Joan Carne has been a long-time resident of Burnaby, and a dedicated steward of the environment. Through her tirelessness and enthusiasm over the years, Joan is a role model and leader in her community. She has served in a number of volunteer capacities throughout the years, which have not only directly benefitted fish and fish habitat in Burnaby, but have also raised awareness for the importance of our natural environment. In 1999, Joan became a member of the Byrne Creek Streamkeepers when it was formed with members of the Vancouver Angling and Game Association. Joan soon assumed the leadership role of Chair, which she continues to maintain today with the support of her fellow streamkeepers. The Byrne Creek Streamkeepers are currently one of the most active groups in Burnaby, and work tirelessly in raising the community's awareness of the creek. In 2000, Joan and fellow streamkeepers embarked on the Stream of Dreams project to commemorate a 1998 spill into Byrne Creek which resulted in the death of approximately 5,000 fish. The project involved the creation of a mural on a City-owned fence at the corner of Kingsway and Edmonds which displayed wooden fish that had been painted by members of the community. The project subsequently generated interest in the creation of similar murals throughout Burnaby and the Lower Mainland. Joan continues to remain actively involved the Stream of Dreams Mural Society, which in 2003 became a registered charity to support the delivery of environmental education programs. From 2002 to 2007, Joan also served two terms as a citizen representative of the City's Environment Committee where she provided valuable input into the City's environmental policies and initiatives. In 2004, Joan Carne and fellow streamkeeper Louise Towell were awarded with the Canadian Gold Environment Award for Environmental Learning.

For her long time leadership with the Byrne Creek Streamkeepers, initiation of the Stream of Dreams project, and service on the City's Environment Committee, Joan Carne has been recommended to receive an Environment Award in the category of Community Stewardship.

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*John Thomson, for his lifetime of stewardship of Burnaby Lake, his work as a streamkeeper, his dedication to the nest box program, and continued service to the community by growing food for the hungry.*

John Thomson has been involved in habitat improvement at Burnaby Lake since the early 1960's. John was one of the original "group of ten" members of the Burnaby Lake Advisory Association, and worked on the 20 year project to build the trail around Burnaby Lake – all completed by volunteers and financed by donations. His devotion to stewardship of Burnaby Lake and its watershed has continued into his later years. John was a Streamkeeper when he was in his mid-70's with the Eagle Creek Streamkeepers. In his 80's he was still building nest boxes for wood ducks for the nest box program at Burnaby Lake, until his health recently became poor. He used primarily recycled and salvaged materials in the construction of the over 200 nest boxes he has built over the years. John was a Director of the Burnaby Lake Park Association from 1999-2001, and continues to be a member. At the age of 83 John is still benefitting the environment and people in his community by growing food in his backyard garden to donate to the food bank.

For his lifetime of stewardship of Burnaby Lake, his work as a streamkeeper, his dedication to the nest box program, and continued service to the community by growing food for the hungry, John Thomson is recommended to receive an Environment Award in the category of Community Stewardship.

*Tony Fabian for his lifetime of dedication to stewardship of Burnaby Lake, his role as an advocate for the environment, and to his ongoing work in learning and educating the community about environmental issues.*

Tony Fabian has been an active steward of Burnaby Lake since forming a group called "Save Burnaby Lake" in 1964, which expanded to become the Burnaby Lake Advisory Association. Tony participated in surveying and laying out the trail around Burnaby Lake, and in clearing the land around the Nature House. Tony has been a member of the Burnaby Lake Park Association (BLPA) since its inception in 1999, and still often does research on environmental issues and presents his findings to the group. He remains current on municipal and regional environmental issues and writes letters to papers, attends open houses, and stays informed about local councils. Tony, as a former Telus employee, has been able facilitate donations from Telus for the nest box program and for Weedbusters, an invasive weed removal program. He has also used his back yard as a nursery – taking care of donated trees that were too small to be planted at Burnaby Lake. Although his mobility is now impaired, he still can often be found spending Saturday afternoons in the parking lot at Burnaby Lake greeting visitors and answering questions.

For his lifetime of dedication to stewardship of Burnaby Lake, his role as an advocate for the environment, and to his ongoing work in learning and educating the community about environmental issues, Tony Fabian is recommended to receive an Environment Award in the category of Community Stewardship.



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*Vladimir Soukhatchev, for his role in initiating a baseline water quality assessment and an ongoing monitoring program for Stoney Creek.*

Vladimir Soukhatchev is a member of the Stoney Creek Environmental Committee, and has been active with the committee since 2003, becoming a member shortly after he immigrated to Canada. His educational background (Doctorate in Fish Behaviour) has given him the skills to develop and monitor water quality testing for Stoney Creek, as well as contribute to counting juvenile and spawning salmon. Vladimir initiated the water quality program for Stoney Creek by designing and conducting an extensive baseline assessment, then by completing regular testing and compiling the data gathered. Through his work he has been able to identify sources of pollutants and work with polluters to find solutions. He also conducts surveys to count the juvenile fish in the spring and returning spawners during the fall, and helps with the juvenile fish release program, the Great Salmon Send-Off. He has encouraged his son to participate in stewardship of Stoney Creek, and he has become a young enthusiast and a member in his own right.

For his leadership in initiating a baseline water quality assessment and an ongoing monitoring program for Stoney Creek, Vladimir Soukhatchev is recommended to receive an Environment Award in the category of Community Stewardship.

### **Youth Awards**

The citizen representatives recommend that the 2008 Environment Awards in Youth be presented to:

*Theresa Konrad, of Alpha Secondary School, for her dedication and leadership of her school's Environmental Club, and her role in motivating her classmates to participate in community stewardship activities.*

Theresa Konrad is currently co-chair of Alpha Secondary School's Environmental Club (E-Club), and has been actively involved as an executive member of the E-Club for two years, for the first year as secretary, and the next as co-chair. Theresa has taken the lead on the school's recycling program, and is responsible for the placement of recycling buckets for cans and bottles in every classroom, and for organizing a group of E-Club members to sort the cans and bottles weekly after school. Recently, she has taken the lead in entering their school in a Provincial competition, in which the students compete with other schools to collect the most cans and bottles in a year. They generally collect 1,500 bottles and cans in the school per month, and this program has helped raise awareness about recycling among her fellow students. Theresa was also the motivator for the E-Club sponsorship of endangered animals in affiliation with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). She organized a school-wide drive to sponsor six endangered species through WWF so far, and the program is still ongoing. She led the school's participation in "Lights Out Canada" to encourage people to save energy by turning out the lights for

Earth Hour on March 29<sup>th</sup>. She also coordinates an after school gardening program, that anyone is welcome to attend, to help green the school grounds.

For her dedication and leadership of her school's Environmental Club, and her role in motivating her classmates to participate in community stewardship activities, Theresa Konrad is recommended to receive an Environment Award in the category of Youth.

*Cindy Na, of Burnaby North Secondary School, for her involvement in her school's Environmental Club and her leadership in organizing fellow students to help clean up Burnaby's public places.*

Cindy Na is a grade 12 student at Burnaby North Secondary School, and is a member of the school's Environmental Club, where she has served on the Executive Board in the role of External Affairs for two years. Cindy and fellow E-club members collect and organize recyclables each day from bins throughout the school. She also organizes "trash bashes" in which she and a group of fellow students clean up areas of Burnaby by collecting garbage and recyclable materials. Most recently, Cindy helped to recruit and organize 86 students from grades 8 to 10, who collected 450 pounds of garbage and recyclables on Earth Day 2008. In total, the club plans to collect one tonne of garbage and recyclables from Burnaby's public places to help benefit the environment.

For her involvement in her school's Environmental Club and her leadership in organizing fellow students to help clean up Burnaby's public places, Cindy Na is recommended to receive an Environment Award in the category of Youth.

### **Chemical Free Lawns and Gardens**

*Glenn Gytenbeek, for his long time dedication to natural gardening without the use of chemicals, and his approach to eradicating the chafer beetle pest.*

Glenn Gytenbeek has lived in south Burnaby for 25 years, during which time he has dedicated himself to maintaining his lawn and garden in a chemical-free manner. Ten years ago, Glenn began replacing sections of his lawn with mostly native plants and shrubs, before it was widely popular to do so. In 2004, following the infestation of his front lawn with the European chafer turf pest, Glenn chose not to treat and re-seed his lawn, rather opting to further reduce the amount of lawn by adding flagstones and planting additional flowers and low-growing shrubs. His theory that the turf-loving chaffer beetle will not infest an area with limited lawn appears to have worked, as unlike his neighbours, he no longer has problems with the pest since converting his lawn to a more diverse community of plants. Glenn has a tolerant approach to keeping plants that do well, and not forcing the growth of those that are not thriving. He takes plants that his neighbours no longer want, and uses recycled materials in his garden, including a fence made out of recycled wood. Glenn also promotes to his neighbours the use of lawn clippings as mulch — both to provide nutrients to his garden and create a natural barrier to weed growth. Glenn recently became a member of the Burnaby Rhododendron and

Gardens Society, and his garden was featured during the 2007 “Burnaby’s Beautiful Garden Tour”.

For his long time dedication to natural gardening without the use of chemicals, and his approach to eradicating the chafer beetle pest, Glenn Gytenbeek is recommended to receive an Environment Award in the category of Chemical Free Lawns and Gardens.

#### **4.0 2008 ENVIRONMENTAL STARS**

##### **Community Stewardship Star**

The citizen representatives recommend that the 2008 Environmental Star in Communications be presented to:

*Laura Thomsen, for her leadership of the Great Canadian Shore Line Clean up at Stoney Creek, and involvement with the Stoney Creek Environmental Committee.*

Laura Thomsen is a newer member of the Stoney Creek Environmental Committee (SCEC), and has been active with the club since the summer of 2006. Laura is new mother with a full time job, but spends many weekend days and weekday evenings contributing to SCEC. Her leadership and organizational skills have been much appreciated by other SCEC members, and lead her to key roles in organizing community events. In 2007, she coordinated the Great Canadian Shore Line Clean Up in partnership with SCEC along Stoney Creek. She has also helped with the Great Salmon Send-Off, and with invasive plant removal, and with fish trapping and counting spawning fish.

For her leadership of the Great Canadian Shore Line Clean up at Stoney Creek, and involvement with the Stoney Creek Environmental Committee, Laura Thomsen is recommended to receive an Environmental Star in the category of Community Stewardship.

##### **Business Stewardship Star**

The citizen representatives recommend that the 2008 Environmental Star in the Business Stewardship category be presented to:

*Jacques Whitford Axys, for their commitment to becoming a carbon-neutral company, and the steps they have taken in pursuit of this goal in the past year.*

The Canada-wide environmental consulting firm, Jacques Whitford Axys, has a long term goal of becoming a carbon neutral organization. Jacques Whitford Axys’s environmental activities over the last year have included assessing and offsetting carbon emissions, creating a national toolkit to measure Jacques Whitford Axys’s environmental footprint across 45 offices, and setting targets to reduce the company’s local environmental footprint. Within the Burnaby office, an office-wide carpooling system has

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been initiated, and space has been procured for bicycle storage to give employees options to take more sustainable transportation to work. The company has reduced waste by conducting a waste audit to determine opportunities for reduction, offering an office-wide battery recycling program, and implementing automatic double side printing. In addition, the Burnaby office has delivered a monthly sustainability education program and staff have accessed sustainability training.

For their commitment to becoming a carbon-neutral company, and the steps they have taken in pursuit of this goal in the past year, Jacques Whitford Axys is recommended to receive an Environmental Star in the category of Business Stewardship.

## 5.0 CONCLUSION

The citizen representatives of the Environment Committee recommend that the recipients identified in this report receive the 2008 Environment Awards and 2008 Environmental Stars, as outlined. The citizen representatives feel that these individuals and groups have demonstrated exemplary works which enhance the City's natural environment and encourage stewardship.

It is recommended that the 2008 City of Burnaby Environment Awards and Environmental Stars be announced on 2008 May 26 at the regular meeting of Council. It is also proposed that the awards be presented at a special afternoon reception at the Burnaby Lake Rowing Pavilion on 2008 June 8 at 12:00 sponsored by Honeywell. Invitations to the Awards reception will be extended to Council, Environment Committee members, and past and present Award and Star recipients. The reception serves as an opportunity for the City to host and celebrate its many environmental volunteers and community stewards.

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

The City of Burnaby Environment Award & Environmental Stars Programs recognize the contributions made by individuals, groups, organizations and businesses to improve the environment in Burnaby and our understanding of it. Both programs also 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. The Environment Awards recognize the outstanding environmental achievements of an individual or group over a number of years, while the Environmental Stars acknowledge a significant environmental achievement during the past year.

**1. Communications**

This category includes newspaper articles, publications, and video, audio or multi-media presentations that help to increase the 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.

**2. Planning and Development**

This category highlights exemplary developments that demonstrate innovative environmental features that may include environmentally sensitive site planning, alternative energy and climate control, water conservation, storm water or wastewater management, conservation of energy, 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.

**3. Community Stewardship**

This category identifies citizens of 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.

**4. Youth**

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

**5. Chemical-Free Lawns and Gardens**

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.

**6. Business Stewardship**

This category identifies businesses located in Burnaby, whose exemplary environmental activities have promoted sustainability in the workplace or in the community. Nominated businesses should demonstrate excellence in raising awareness of environmental issues with staff or clients, reducing the business' ecological footprint and/or notably enhancing or rehabilitating the City's environment.