

SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

SUBJECT: 2008 LOCAL HERO NOMINEES

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council receive this report for information.

REPORT

Council, at the 'Closed' Council meeting held on 2008 September 29, received and adopted the *attached* report containing this year's Local Hero nominees.

A copy of the Local Hero report is being forwarded to the 2008 October 06 'Open' Council meeting for information.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Sav Dhaliwal
Chair

Councillor Dan Johnston
Vice Chair

Councillor Garth Evans
Member

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TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

DATE: September 29, 2008

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

FILE: 1450 01
Reference: Local Heroes

SUBJECT: 2008 LOCAL HERO NOMINEES

PURPOSE: To recommend a list of individuals for receipt of 2008 Local Hero Awards and to gain approval for launching a 2009 Local Hero Award program.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council be requested to:
 - a. Approve the nominations of the following individuals for receipt of Burnaby Local Hero Awards in 2008:

1. Shayma Akhi	11. Gloria Kravac
2. Anne Baker	12. Myrtle Linden
3. Ken Best	13. Margaret (Peggy) McClean
4. Ernie Brodie	14. Rosemary Meech
5. Frankie Cena	15. Grace Mui
6. Diane Gillis	16. Sam Naicker
7. Irene Harvalias	17. Nelly Noort
8. Stephanie Jaeger	18. Norman Roberts
9. John Johnston	19. Laurie Sheehan
10. Robert (Bob) Khun	
 - b. Invite approved nominees to the 2008 November 3 Council meeting to be presented with their Local Hero Award certificates of recognition.
 - c. Approve expenditures of up to \$3,500 from the 2009 Council Committees and Boards Budget for printing and advertising costs for next year's Local Hero Award program.

REPORT**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Each year since 1997, Burnaby has identified and recognized Local Heroes: people who have made outstanding contributions to community well-being in Burnaby. To date, the

City has recognized 168 Local Heroes, individuals who represent diverse interests and backgrounds and have contributed to the community in a variety of ways (see list of past recipients in Appendix 1, *attached*).

This report provides background information and recommendations on the nominees for the 2008 Local Hero Award program.

2.0 LOCAL HERO NOMINEES

As in previous years, the following means were used to seek nominations for the 2008 Local Hero awards: advertisements in Burnaby's community newspapers; display of a large format poster at the Metrotown information kiosk; a call for nominations through the City's website; and requests to participants at various inter-agency meetings to "get the word out" about the initiative. Posters and brochures on the program were circulated through Burnaby City Hall, schools, recreation centres, libraries, resource centres, and other venues. Volunteer Burnaby also distributed information about the program to their members and networks. A copy of the brochure, which includes eligibility guidelines and the nomination form, is included in Appendix 2, *attached*.

The deadline for submitting Local Hero nominations was 2008 June 30, which was earlier than the September deadline of previous years. The adjustment was made to allow additional time to evaluate applications, comply with Committee and Council meeting schedules, and organize the reception. As stated in the eligibility guidelines, a maximum of 20 Local Heroes may be selected in a given year. In addition, the guidelines indicate that the City aims to recognize a balanced slate of nominees each year (e.g., representation from a diversity of age groups, geographic areas, and activity types). Local Hero Awards are intended to recognize individuals who have made contributions to community well-being in Burnaby over an extended period of time. Consideration is given, however, to youth or recent immigrants who have made noteworthy contributions over a shorter period. The primary intent of the program is to recognize volunteers. In exceptional circumstances however, people who go "above and beyond the call of duty" in a paid capacity may also be eligible for recognition. Local Hero Awards are given on a one-time basis only.

A total of 26 nominations were received this year and a maximum of 20 awards are permitted. The calibre of the submissions was high. After reviewing the submissions in accordance with the established criteria, the following 19 nominees are proposed for 2008 Local Hero Awards:

Shayma Akhi

Shayma moved to Canada from Bangladesh four years ago and settled in the Edmonds neighbourhood. Since that time she has been committed to serving her community and developing her leadership skills. Shayma volunteers as the Community Council Chair for Edmonds Community Council, the chief fundraiser and volunteer coordinator at Edmonds Community School, and the chief organizer of the school's Community Room. She also volunteers at the South Burnaby Neighbourhood House where her duties include organizing multicultural dinners, assisting with childcare, providing support to family

members, and organizing workshops on women's wellness. Shayma's volunteer hours at least match, if not exceed, her working hours. Shayma's nominators observe that "this brave and resilient young woman has given much more to her community than she has required and deserves to be recognized as a Burnaby Local Hero. Her tireless commitment to community makes her very deserving."

Anne Baker

Anne is the co-owner of Allegra Printers and first became involved with the South Burnaby Neighbourhood House (SBNH) in 1999 through the donation of professional printing. In 2003, Anne became a business volunteer and has remained dedicated to SBNH ever since. In 2005, Anne joined the Rotary Club of Burnaby Metrotown and became Club secretary. Her volunteer tasks have included the Metrotown Graffiti Paint Out Project, coordinating Coinspiracy (a Kind Acts project in local schools), and assisting with Burnaby Coats for Kids project. Anne also initiated the One to One Burnaby Business Women Society (incorporated in 1993) through which she established a networking group to support women in the Burnaby community. What the nominators appreciate most about Anne is "her willingness to step into whatever situation before her to see that a job gets done."

Ken Best

Ken has been volunteering with Citizen Support Services since 1997. Three times a month Ken picks up isolated, housebound seniors and takes them to the lunch club at Doug Drummond Manor for a hot meal and social time with their peers. Ken and his team of volunteers are dedicated to cooking a wholesome meal and ensuring that the seniors have a good time. Ken was inspired after a senior resident died from malnutrition – he vowed it would never happen again. According to his nominators Ken is known for "his welcoming manner... [and] absolutely marvelous sense of humour."

Ernie Brodie

Ernie has volunteered at the Burnaby Association for Community Inclusion (BACI) for the last seven years. He is a leader on the Foundation board and an invaluable resource for community development and organizational vision. Ernie has worked with IBM for 29 years and brings a strong business background to the board. During his time volunteering he has been involved in a number of fundraisers, spearheading the creation of the ARTicipation fundraiser in 2007. He continues to lead the committee and is currently organizing the second ARTicipation fundraiser. Ernie also helped facilitate two major donations of computer equipment from IBM. In addition to his work with BACI, Ernie has contributed to the Open Learning Agency's Burnaby based Access Ability Program and chaired the Business Advisory Council. According to his nominators, Ernie "truly embodies all that the award stands for – inspiring others to achieve their goals and creating a better world for us all to live in."

Frankie Cena

Frankie's youth has not stopped him from accumulating an impressive slate of achievements in his 16 years of life. With over 674 community service hours, Frankie strives to give back, whether it is being involved with Burnaby's Salmon documentary or being a mentor for grade eight students at Burnaby Mountain Secondary School. He is

the President of the Burnaby District Student Advisory Committee and represented Burnaby at the United Nations conference for Indigenous people. Frankie is a youth leader and co-facilitator with Youth Tides, a leadership program for high school age youth. Frankie was also involved in Burnaby's Ace It documentary DVD, a program to earn secondary school graduation requirements through work experience. He was a member of the 30 days of Sustainability high school program for the environment and a Fun Rec leader at Stoney Creek Community School. Frankie has also been involved in the Jeans Day project to raise money for BC Children's Hospital for the last four years. Frankie's nominators say that he "always strives to give back... we cannot think of anyone more deserving of this award!"

Diane Gillis

Diane volunteers numerous hours each week to make her community a safe and welcoming place for its citizens. Over the past three years Diane has been instrumental in initiating the Kingsway Imperial Neighbourhood Association (KINA), a group of business members and local citizens working together to make Burnaby a great place. As the leader of KINA Diane has organized community clean-ups, community forums, newsletters and anti-graffiti initiatives such as mural projects. She has also spearheaded fundraising to provide financial support. In addition to her activities with KINA, Diane is also a citizen representative on the City of Burnaby's Community Policing Committee and active on the Mayor's Anti Graffiti Task Force. In the past Diane has volunteered at the West Burnaby Playschool, the Burnaby Blockwatch program, the parent Executive Committee at St. Thomas More Collegiate and the Cliff Avenue United Gold Soccer Team. Her nominators indicate that Diane's key strengths are her "positive approach to making our community a great place to live, work and play and her passion for addressing local issues and involving the whole community in solutions."

Irene Harvalias

Irene has been a tireless volunteer at Maywood Community School and the surrounding community since moving to Burnaby in 2005. She provides not only her time and expertise but also financial support for families, the school, and the community when needed. Irene volunteers with Burnaby Children's Fund making quilts to raffle off every second year. She also spearheaded and organized volunteers for a community quilting bee, to provide quilts for Maywood Community School students whose homes were destroyed in a fire. Irene provides instruction and support for several women (mostly Maywood Community School mothers) who are interested in sewing and quilting, as well as a weekly session of quilting with students in grade six and seven. In addition, she attends Friday Morning Coffee Time at Maywood Community School to share her recipes and provide cooking demonstrations. According to her nominators "Irene has a remarkable ability to bring out the best in people and to help them use their own skills to benefit those less fortunate."

Stephanie Jaeger

Stephanie co-owns Pear Tree Restaurant and is a tireless and dedicated volunteer on the Empty Bowls Committee, helping raise funds for hungry Burnaby children. Using her business background, she has been a key figure in fundraising efforts for the Committee. She has also instigated and coordinated local restaurant participation for the last five

years. Her nominators were constantly astounded by her expertise in marketing and event planning, by her brilliant ideas, and by how quickly she was able to accomplish tasks. According to her nominators, Stephanie is a “volunteer who is able to follow through with all of her obligations and always accomplish much more than was expected of her. The Empty Bowls Project would not be as successful as it has been, were it not for Stephanie Jaeger.”

John Johnston

John performs street ministry through the Salvation Army, and is the Lion Tamer (sets up meetings) at Metro Monarch Lions. He also serves as the President of the Mental Wealth Society a club he has been involved with for over 4 years. He is noted for being helpful, friendly, and for having a great sense of humour in sad times. John is the "volunteer custodian" of the club, leading by example and encouraging members to get more involved and join activities. He is always present on outings including dinners, bocce ball, bowling, and field trips. He regularly attends board meetings where he suggests new activities for the members and builds support for the Society. According to his nominators, “John is deeply deserving, without him the club would not be the same. John is the foundation of the Mental Wealth Society.”

Robert (Bob) Khun

Bob is a long-time Burnaby resident who has been organizing running groups in the community for 21 years. His focus is the Cameron Running Group (Cameron Cruisers) which began in 1987. Bob teaches by example and creates an inclusive and welcoming community. He has the ability to encourage newcomers and veteran runners alike with both humour and compassion. Bob has also volunteered with many Sun Run clinics in Burnaby, the Great Salmon Send-off, the Giro de Burnaby cycle race and he managed a soccer team for seven years. In addition, Bob organizes an inter-generational and multi-faith Thursday Evening Bible Study Group in his home. According to the nominators, “it is clear to all who come in contact with Bob that he is motivated simply through the act of serving the community.”

Gloria Kravac

Gloria is an excellent example of what a senior citizen can do to continue living an active and healthy life while contributing to the community. Since 1995, Gloria has been volunteering with Citizen Support Services. She drives and hostesses for the Lunch Bunch program and assists the coordinator of volunteers in welcoming between 25-30 clients at the lunches, matching them with volunteer hosts/hostesses, serving lunch and chatting before taking them home again. Gloria also chaired the steering committee of the Voices of Burnaby Seniors (VOBS) between 2007 and 2008. During this time, VOBS conducted an extensive survey of Burnaby seniors to collect data on local issues. According to one nominator “Gloria is a combination of grace, vitality, ability and commitment... I want to be just like her when I grow up.”

Myrtle Linden

Myrtle joined the Edmonds Senior Centre in 1986 and immediately immersed herself in volunteer activities such as Health Watch which she continues to chair to this day. She later became involved with Burnaby’s Centennial Committee, the Falls Prevention

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Committee, Burnaby Services for Seniors, the coalition known as Burnaby Partners in Seniors' Wellness and the Network of Burnaby Seniors. Edmonds Centre members showed their respect by electing Ms. Linden president of Edmonds Seniors Society from 1999-2002. Since 1996 Myrtle has also volunteered over 850 hours at New Vista Society. She was president of the New Vista Tenants Association for almost a decade and continues to volunteer actively with the tenant bingo program and special events. Her nominators observe that Myrtle is "a positive role model for seniors and activists everywhere... truly the epitome of a Local Hero."

Margaret (Peggy) McClean

Peggy is described as a "faithful soul" who has volunteered at the Community Centred College for the Retired since the 1970s. She is currently the Treasurer of the Social Committee and volunteers at least two days a week taking care of the books and providing detailed treasury reports. Her work is always impeccable and provides significant support to the College Board. Peggy has also volunteered for over 10 years at St. Mary's Church as the bingo administrator and money counter. She is noted for her genuine friendship, reliability and her ease at forming relationships with seniors. Peggy is considered a real people person and a friend to everyone she meets. According to her nominators "Peggy gives her all to anything she undertakes. She is a dedicated volunteer who takes her varied tasks to a great conclusion."

Rosemary Meech

Rosemary has been a dedicated volunteer with the Girl Guides of Canada for 35 years. She is currently the Area Commissioner for Burnaby Royal and over the years has sat on three different Girl Guide councils. Rosemary offers guidance and support to over 100 adult guiders and 500 girl members in the area. She spends hours replying to emails and telephone calls. She attends meetings, ceremonies, camps, and community events in Burnaby throughout the year. Noting that the Local Hero Award is intended to recognize those who have contributed to the community over an extended period of time, Rosemary's nominators contend that she is a worthy recipient of the award. They further emphasize that Rosemary "is making a positive difference in the lives of hundreds of Girl Guides so that they may grow and develop into responsible citizens."

Grace Mui

Grace has been a parent volunteer at Brentwood Park Elementary School for over 10 years. She dedicates a generous amount of time to the student choir playing the piano and accompanying the singing. Grace also travels with the choir to concerts around the district. In addition to her time with the choir, Grace volunteers at the library 2-3 times per week, offers rides for field trips, supervises track and field events, joins school teams such as the Vancouver Sun Run and volunteers for the school's fruit and vegetable program. She is also involved in organizing social events and the grade seven leaving ceremony. According to her nominators Grace has an "unassuming manner and quiet thoughtfulness. She is most humble and rarely accepts praise."

Sam Naicker

Sam has been a dynamic volunteer in Burnaby since 1974. He has been actively involved with the Boy Scouts of Canada as a cub leader and member of various committees for

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over 30 years. Sam has also been a member of the Bonsor Senior Society for the last 20 years, serving as a Director for 15 of those years. Since arriving in Canada 36 years ago, Sam has been a Director, VP, President and a Trustee for Fiji Canada Association in Burnaby, being inducted as a life member for his services to youth and citizens of Fiji and Burnaby. Sam has been a very active member and is a Director of Fiji Seniors Society and since 2004 has served as co-chair with the Canadian Federation of Fiji Organization. For the last 10 years he has also sold daffodils for the Cancer Society when called upon. Sam was one of the founding members of Samgam Educational and Cultural Society of BC. He is also a member of the Shri Sanatan Dharam Ramayan Mandli of Fiji and provides leadership and guidance to the Gita Gyan Educational Society. Sam's nominators note that it is difficult to summarize all of his volunteer accomplishments. They state, however, that the caliber of his contributions were probably best recognized in 1974 when he was awarded the Order of the British Empire by the Queen of England.

Nelly Noort

Nelly has volunteered for the past six years with Variety Child Care Centre and is a "volunteer dream come true." Nelly helps prepare art activities for the children, cleans up after snack time, makes up the children's beds for nap-time, does the laundry for the entire centre and helps to clean the toys. Being a person with a developmental disability herself, Nelly shows special empathy for children with special needs. On top of her two volunteer days at Variety, Nelly volunteers three days a week at the Edmonds Senior Centre and one day a week at an orphan aid thrift shop. She is a hard-working and dedicated volunteer who is always punctual and dependable. Her nominators note that "one of our favourite things about Nelly is her great sense of humour... when she takes holidays we are lost without her!"

Norman Roberts

Norman Roberts grew up in Zimbabwe and was a member of the National Basketball team for five years before a car accident shattered his knee and ended his career. In 1989, Norman and his family immigrated to BC and in 1991 he began volunteering as a coach at the local YMCA basketball program. Since 1994 he has been volunteering at the South Burnaby Metro Club program as a dedicated and passionate basketball coach. Between practices, games and free gym time, Norman spends on average 12-17 hours per week, year round, coaching girls aged 8-17. Since 1991, he has coached over 1,000 girls and over 35 teams, repeatedly leading new players and teams to victory through an emphasis on teamwork and sportsmanship. However, on Coach Robert's court it is not about winning, but rather about trying your best and giving an honest effort. Norman has 27 nominators who have all distinguished him based on the magnitude of his efforts, the breadth of the curriculum he teaches and his passion for basketball and community. Given his enormous commitment to empowering young women, one of his nominators aptly observed that Norman is "one of Burnaby's best assets as he enables opportunities for Burnaby girls, creating a safe place for young women to grow and succeed."

Laurie Sheehan

Laurie is an active volunteer of the Cascade Heights Elementary School Parent Advisory Committee. In 2006, Laurie was inspired by Silken Laumann’s speech on unstructured play for the healthy development of children. Laurie brought together Silken’s Active Kids Movement, Cascade Heights School and the City of Burnaby Recreation Department to initiate a free, parent hosted, Family Gym weekly drop in. The success of this initiative took over two years of planning and partnership building. Laurie did not stop with Cascade Heights Family Gym – she is now supporting six other schools that are starting similar programs. According to her nominators “Laurie is a person with seemingly unending energy and enthusiasm for the promotion of healthy families and connected communities. She never hesitates to share with others and is unwilling to let the barriers to achieving goals stop her.”

3.0 ASSESSMENT

Based on the established selection criteria, the foregoing 19 nominees satisfy the guidelines for Burnaby Local Hero recognition. In their unique ways, they have all made noteworthy contributions to community well-being. This year’s Local Heroes represent a diversity of age groups, geographic areas in Burnaby, and activity types (e.g. seniors outreach, community building, recreation, safe communities, and advocacy work on social issues).

4.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

2008 marks the twelfth year that Burnaby has recognized Local Heroes. As in previous years, the quality of submissions and calibre of nominees for 2008 is high. It is believed that the Local Hero Award program continues to be an effective vehicle for recognizing citizens who have made noteworthy contributions to community well-being in Burnaby over the years. A key strength of the program is that the nominees are generated from the community.

It is recommended that Council be asked to approve the nominations of the following individuals for receipt of Burnaby Local Hero Awards in 2008:

1. Shayma Akhi
2. Anne Baker
3. Ken Best
4. Ernie Brodie
5. Frankie Cena
6. Diane Gillis
7. Irene Harvalias
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14. Rosemary Meech
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17. Nelly Noort
18. Norman Roberts
19. Laurie Sheehan

It is further recommended that these individuals be invited to the 2008 November 3 Council meeting to be presented with certificates of recognition for their contributions. As in previous years, a reception for the Local Hero award recipients will be held prior to the meeting. Volunteer Burnaby will be invited to have a display at the reception in recognition of their ongoing support in promoting the program.

To facilitate the printing of brochures, posters, certificates, invitations and placement of newspaper advertisements for next year's Local Hero program, it is recommended that Council be asked to approve the expenditure of up to \$3,500 from the 2009 Council Committee and Boards Budget. This is an increase of \$500 from 2008 and is proposed in order to accommodate increased printing and advertising costs.

Given Committee and Council concurrence with the foregoing recommendations following the presentation of the Awards on November 3rd, staff will publish an article on this year's Local Hero Award recipients in a forthcoming issue of InfoBurnaby and arrange for publication of their names in SPARC BC's newsmagazine, which is circulated throughout the province.



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Attachments

Copied to: City Manager
Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
Director Finance
City Clerk

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LOCAL HEROES 1997 - 2007

1997

Barbara Brady
Don Brown
Beth Chobotuck
Don Copan
Edie Fisher
Maddie Greenlay
Barb Peabody

1998

Ray Abernethy
Allison Dalglish
Bharti Envik
Lilac Jung
Faye Ku
Ruth Loland
Anita Loy
Melody Marbach
Sharon Mudrakoff

1999

Georgie Cole
Marjorie Deschner
Gloria Inglis
Effie Kennedy
Erna Kozak
Marion Krause
Nick Kvenich
George McLean
Scott Robertson
Ken Ryan
Rudy Spense
Don Steen
Barbara Stewart
Tim Zimich

2000

Mark Angelo
Lillian Chalmers
Glenice English
Philip Henderson
Grace Jo
Les Lee Lowe
Barbara Lussier
Tony Mauro
Doreen Player
Joyce Rosteron
Carol Roycroft

2001

Roxy Abernethy
Beverly Adams
Tracie Buzza
Dennis Baker
Joane Carne
Paulene Hall
Christina Lupien
Judi Marshall
Louise Towell
Sandy Twinn
Marguerite Wallace

2002

Elizabeth Briemberg
Steve Cairns
Millie Canessa
Kenney Chan
Jack Cyr
Harvey Elder
Richard Harvey
Ethel Hawthorne
Reg Hawthorne
Vivian Henderson
Gail Klarer
Kenny So Ying Leung
Nick Lutz
Eleanor MacQueen
Merv Magus
Regina Ogmundson
Hugh Robertson
Norm Sandercock
Bernice Wiseman

2003

Jeannette Aadland
Keith Beedie
Gladys Brundrett
Parvin Chami
Gillian Chan
Paul Colvin
John DeForest
Jeanne Fike
Maureen Francois
Ruth Gautschi
Lina Hu
Pak Wing Kan
Carol La Croix
Jay McGarva
Rajinder Pandher
Eric Seto
Norman Song
Margaret Van Soest
Greg van Euw
Deb Yaschuk

2004

Joy Ayers
Hakam Bhaloo
Olive Fera
Gino Fera
Sandra Fesiuk
Gillian Gallson
Lois Godfrey
Helen Hamilton
Joanna Illerbrun
Michelle Leong
John McQuade
Shirely Mortimer
Kevan Oxley
Lou Ryan
Harminder Saghera
Liza Shoda
Carolyn Sinclair
Tom Stewart
Lisa Thomson
Lisa Wong

2005

Marilyn Cooper
Linda Corrin
Bill Corson
Frances Dickson
Diane Dobie
Begum Ebrahim
Kate Evans
Theresa Johannsen
Patrick Johnson
Allan Joyce
Vicki Kreuzer
Irene Kyle
Larry Lynn
Fergus McCann
Pearl Price
Josie Romero
Gloria Tom Wing Staudt
Gail Yip

2006

Amanda van Aggelen
Pat Beaucamp
Delia Benig
Ardell Louise Brophy-Fitzpatrick
Alia Chatur
Bonnie Davies
Liz Dill
Doreen George
Rhodora Horgan
Gerry Juzenas
Margaret Koster
Jim Lawrence
Anna Rowden
Tina Schipper
Hazel Simnett
Sasha Tewari
Ryan Brandlmayr
Paul Legge
Charn Toor

2007

Jennifer Atchison
Pushpa Cheema
Donna Dawson
Eman Elmasri
Barbara (Barb) Harris
Gregg Harris
Jon Hernandez
Mary Hernandez
Mary Horton
Rainy Kent
Rehman Lalji
Aly Lalji
Elizabeth (Liz) McEwan
Wanda Mulholland
Susan Papadionissiou
Patrice Pratt
John Speckman
Pak-Kwan Tam
Chiu-Lin Tam
Margaret Widmer

Why does the nominee deserve to be recognized as a Local Hero?

Please list the activities for which the person is being nominated as a Local Hero (attach an additional sheet if required, and supporting materials if available).

1 Name of Organization: _____

Activities: _____

Are these activities carried out as a paid employee or as a volunteer? _____

Duration of involvement (include month and year) _____

Contact Name & Phone Number at Organization _____

2 Name of Organization: _____

Activities: _____

Are these activities carried out as a paid employee or as a volunteer? _____

Duration of involvement (include month and year) _____

Contact Name & Phone Number at Organization _____

3 Name of Organization: _____

Activities: _____

Are these activities carried out as a paid employee or as a volunteer? _____

Duration of involvement (include month and year) _____

Contact Name & Phone Number at Organization _____

4 Name of Organization: _____

Activities: _____

Are these activities carried out as a paid employee or as a volunteer? _____

Duration of involvement (include month and year) _____

Contact Name & Phone Number at Organization _____

Please return completed nomination form to:



2008 Local Hero Award Program
Social Issues Committee
Mail: c/o City Clerk's Office
4949 Canada Way
Burnaby, BC V5G 1M2
Email: lynn.arnold@burnaby.ca
Fax: 604-294-7537

Time Lines: Monday, June 30, 2008

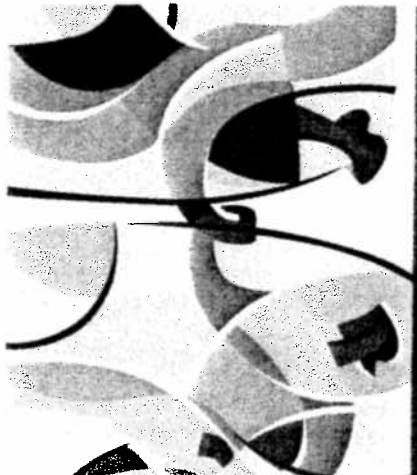
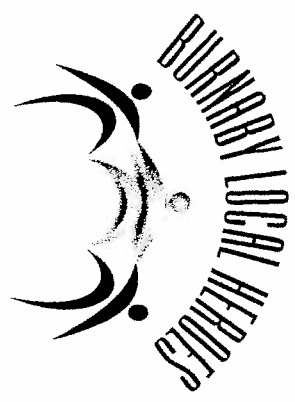
Deadline for submission of nominations.

September 2008
Assessment of nominations by the Social Issues Committee.

October 2008
Council decision on annual Local Hero recipients, based on recommendations from the Social Issues Committee.

Early November 2008
Presentation of recognition certificates to Local Heroes at Council meeting.

Early 2009
In/burnaby article on recipients.



Call for Nominations
The City of Burnaby is seeking nominations for Local Heroes people who have made outstanding contributions to community well-being in Burnaby.

The deadline for receipt of nominations is June 30, 2008.

Eligibility:

All people living, working, or participating in Burnaby are eligible for recognition.

Local Hero Awards are awarded on a one-time basis only (i.e. a person cannot receive the award more than once).

The main intent of the Local Hero Award program is to recognize citizens for their volunteer service. However, in any given year, up to one Local Hero Award may be presented to an individual who has made exceptional contributions to community well-being through a combination of paid employment and volunteer service.

Nominations: Nominations are invited from community groups, agencies, and the general public. Each nomination must have the support of two nominators.

Selection Criteria: What distinguishes Local Heroes? They are people of any age group or background who have made noteworthy contributions to community well-being in Burnaby.

Priority will generally be given to nominees who have contributed to the community over an extended period of time. Consideration will also be given, however, to those who have made noteworthy contributions over a shorter period (e.g., youths, recent immigrants).

Examples of activities include volunteering for a local agency or community school, participating in environmental initiatives, or helping recent immigrants settle into the community.

A maximum of 20 Local Heroes will be selected this year. Further efforts will be made to recognize a balanced slate of Local Heroes, which collectively represent a diversity of:

- age groups,
- geographic areas - i.e., people living in or contributing to various parts of Burnaby, and
- activity types - i.e., participate in a range of activities, rather than a select few.

Recognition:

Local Heroes will be presented with certificates and publicly recognized at a City Council meeting in November. An article on the Local Hero recipients will also be published in the City's information newsletter, InfoBurnaby, in early 2009.

Submission Procedure:

To submit a nomination, return a completed Nomination Form along with any necessary supporting materials, to:

2008 Local Hero Award Program

Social Issues Committee
 Mail: c/o City Clerk's Office
 4949 Canada Way
 Burnaby, BC V5G 1M2
 Email: jime.ardnd@burnaby.ca
 Fax: 604-294-7537

Note: Nomination forms are also available electronically on the City's website at www.burnaby.ca/whatsnew

The deadline for submitting nominations is June 30, 2008.
 For questions please call 604-294-7290.



Nomination Form

Who is being nominated?

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

(home) _____

(work) _____

Who is making the nomination? (The names of two nominators are required.)

1 Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

(home) _____

(work) _____

2 Name: _____

Address: _____

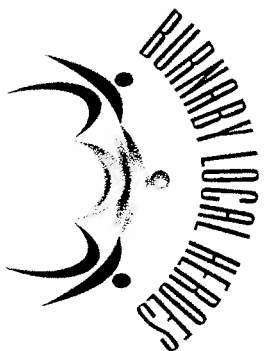
Phone: _____

(home) _____

(work) _____

What category or categories best describe the nominee's activities (please ✓ all that apply)?

- Health or community services
- Education
- Environment
- Recreation
- Other (describe briefly) _____



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