

**COMMUNITY POLICING COMMITTEE**

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: NOMINATION FOR CITY OF BURNABY COMMUNITY POLICING  
AWARD**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT Council receive this report for information.

**REPORT**

Council, at the 'Closed' Council meeting held on 2009 October 26, received and adopted the *attached* report recommending the City of Burnaby Community Policing Award be presented to Mr. Sheldon Leung for his outstanding bravery.

A copy of the City of Burnaby Community Policing Award report is for the information of Council and the general public.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor P. Calendino  
Chair

Councillor P. McDonell  
Vice Chair

Councillor R. Chang  
Member

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** Council approve Mr. Sheldon Leung as a recipient of the City of Burnaby Community Policing Award.
2. **THAT** the award be presented to Mr. Leung at the “Open” Council meeting to be held 2009 November 16.

**REPORT****1.0 BACKGROUND**

At its meeting of 2007 December 17, Council approved the establishment of the City of Burnaby Community Policing Award. The purpose of the award is to recognize individuals with a connection to Burnaby who have carried out an act of bravery or courage related to crime prevention or community policing. The nomination procedure stipulates that nominations are invited at any time during the year from any person who has witnessed or attended at the scene of a relevant act of bravery or courage. Nominations are assessed by the Community Policing Committee, which forwards recommendations for bestowing the award to a “Closed” meeting of Burnaby City

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Council. Awards are presented by the Mayor and the Chair of the Community Policing Committee at an “Open” meeting of Burnaby City Council once a year. The award takes the form of a plaque, which is personalized with the recipient’s name, and a notation of the act of courage or bravery for which the award is being bestowed.

In autumn 2008, the Burnaby’s first Community Policing Award was bestowed. At its Closed meeting of 2009 October 08, the Community Policing Committee reviewed a second nomination for the Community Policing Award. *Details are outlined below.*

## **2.0 THE CURRENT NOMINATION**

Mr. Sheldon Leung, of 6037 Buchanan Street, Burnaby, B.C., has been nominated by Constable Conor Johnson of the Burnaby RCMP Serious Crime Unit. On 2009 August 27, in the driveway of 6057 Buchanan Street, Burnaby, Mr. Leung responded to a call for help from an elderly female neighbour who was bleeding heavily and had a swollen eye. Mr. Leung called the police from inside his residence. He then returned to the neighbour’s driveway and witnessed the woman’s husband standing over her with a baseball bat, beating her upper body and head. Mr. Leung yelled at the male repeatedly to stop and called the police back. The male only stopped beating the female after he realized the Mr. Leung had called the police. Although the victim had already received serious, life-threatening injuries, subsequently losing the sight in one eye, she survived the attack.

The nomination satisfies all three selection criteria for the Community Policing Award, as follows:

- 1) *a verifiable act of bravery or courage has taken place.* The brutal attack in the neighbour’s driveway and Mr. Leung’s response were witnessed by Patricia Shimek of 1129 Ridley Drive, Burnaby, B.C.
- 2) *the act is related to crime prevention or community policing.* On his nomination form, Cst. Johnson notes: “The female received serious, life-threatening injuries, subsequently losing the sight in one eye. However, it is likely that she would have been killed without Leung’s intervention. Leung, 13 years old at the time, faced imminent danger when he intervened to save the female.”
- 3) *The act took place in Burnaby or, if occurring outside of Burnaby, was carried out by a Burnaby citizen.* The act took place in the 6000 block Buchanan Street, Burnaby. As well, the nominee is a Burnaby citizen.

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### **3.0 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION**

The Community Policing Committee has reviewed a nomination for the Burnaby Community Policing Award. The nomination satisfies all three selection criteria for the award. The Community Policing Committee recommends that Council approve Mr. Sheldon Leung as a recipient of the City of Burnaby Community Policing Award. It is further recommended that the award be presented to Mr. Leung at the “Open” Council meeting of 2009 November 16.

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