

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

SUBJECT: 2010 ENVIRONMENT AWARDS AND STARS

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council receive this report for information.

REPORT

Council, at the 'Closed' Council meeting held on 2010 May 17, 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 2010 May 17 'Open' Council meeting for information.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Dan Johnston
Chair

Councillor Sav Dhaliwal
Vice Chair

Councillor Anne Kang
Member

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TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: 2010 May 5

FROM: CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVES,
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

FILE: 33000-01
Reference: Environment Awards

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SUBJECT: 2010 ENVIRONMENT AWARDS AND STARS

PURPOSE: To recommend the recipients of the 2010 City of Burnaby Environment Awards and Environmental Stars

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** the Environment Committee recommend the following 2010 Environment Awards to Council at its open meeting of 2010 May 17:
 - a. The 2010 Environment Award in the Communications category be presented to the Wildlife Rescue Association of BC for its continuing significant environmental outreach and education in Burnaby and the Lower Mainland.
 - b. The 2010 Environment Award in Community Stewardship be presented to Jennifer Atchison for her extraordinary commitment to the environmental stewardship of Stoney Creek and the Stoney Creek Watershed.
 - c. The 2010 Environment Award in Youth be presented to the Brentwood Park Elementary School for its outstanding initiatives in environmental participation and education.
2. **THAT** the Environment Committee recommend the following 2010 Environment Stars to Council at its open meeting of 2010 May 17:
 - a. The 2010 Environmental Star in the Planning and Development category be presented to Coro Strandberg and Phillip Legg for their notable efforts and accomplishment in constructing an environmentally friendly residential home in Burnaby.
 - b. The 2010 Environmental Star in the Business Stewardship category be presented to Candace LeRoy for her prominent effort with the Sustainability Ambassadors Program at Simon Fraser University.

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3. **THAT** the 2010 Environment Awards and Environmental Stars be presented at a reception at the Burnaby Lake Rowing Pavilion, on 2010 June 6 at 12:00 pm.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

The State of the Environment Report for Burnaby, adopted by Council in 1993, identified the necessity "...to establish an environmental award program to recognize environmental achievements". Terms-of-reference for an environment awards program were subsequently adopted by the then Environment and Waste Management Committee in 1996 and the first environmental awards were presented that year. The Environmental Stars Program, adopted by Council in 2000, recognizes the diverse levels of environmental commitment that recipients are able to contribute.

This year, the Awards program will have achieved fifteen years of recognizing and celebrating Burnaby's contributions to the environment. This report offers the 2010 Environment Awards and Environmental Stars recommendations for review by the Environment Committee as brought forth by its citizen representatives. The terms-of-reference information for the 2010 City of Burnaby Environment Award and Environmental Stars Programs is provided in *Appendix A, attached*.

2.0 AWARD PROCESS

The Environment Committee Report for the 2010 Environmental Awards Program Call for Nominations was approved by Council on 2010 February 9. Nominations were received by the City until 2010 April 9 and the citizen representatives of the Environment Committee met on 2010 April 27 to review the nominees. Recommendations for the awards as prepared by the citizen representatives of the Environment Committee are presented in this report.

Environmental Award categories may have more than one recipient named per year, however an Award or Star is not required to be presented in each category. The numbers of Awards and Stars presented in the past have ranged from three to fourteen.

It is recommended that the 2010 Burnaby Environment Awards and Environmental Stars be presented at a reception on 2010 June 6 at 12:00 pm at the Burnaby Lake Rowing Pavilion. Continued corporate sponsorship from the Honeywell Company for Environment Week has been directed towards this reception.

3.0 2010 ENVIRONMENT AWARDS

Communications Award

The citizen representatives recommend that a 2010 Environment Award for Communications be presented to:

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The Wildlife Rescue Association of BC for its continuing significant environmental outreach and education in Burnaby and the Lower Mainland.

The Wildlife Rescue Association of BC assists in the recovery of wild animals found primarily in the lower mainland. Located next to Burnaby Lake, the organization has many active volunteers and celebrated 30 years of operation in 2009. WRA has hosted a number of educational events including its EarthFest and summer camp days. Their publication, *To the Rescue*, is generated three times a year and shares valuable information and stories for the community about wildlife in the Metro Vancouver area and responsible human interaction. Current editions are available both in paper form and from their website. The WRA website is a valuable educational tool and information resource on wild animal care in Metro Vancouver. WRA webpages highlight many of their successful activities over the years and photos of birds and other critters are available for viewing. In addition, television shows have also been filmed at their facilities and numerous newspaper articles have explored their work.

For its continuing significant environmental outreach and education in Burnaby and the Lower Mainland, the Wildlife Rescue Association of BC is recommended to receive an Environment Award in the category of Communications.

Community Stewardship Award

The citizen representatives recommend that a 2010 Environment Award for Community Stewardship be presented to:

Jennifer Atchison for her extraordinary commitment to the environmental stewardship of Stoney Creek and the Stoney Creek Watershed.

Jennifer Atchison has been a major proponent of Stoney Creek and the Stoney Creek Environment Committee for fifteen years. She has committed significant volunteer time in the community assisting in numerous activities including the Stoney Creek Great Salmon Send-Off and advocating healthy fish habitat and spawning in Stoney Creek. Jennifer has also been an active participant in the monitoring of important developments near Stoney Creek. She has been a member of a number of committees in Burnaby, including the SFU Salt Management Committee and assisted in the establishment of the Stoney Creek Environment Committee. An inspiration to many, Jennifer's strength lies in bringing together individuals and encouraging them to act together for the greater good of the environment.

For her extraordinary commitment to the environmental stewardship of Stoney Creek and the Stoney Creek Watershed, Jennifer Atchison is recommended to receive an Environment Award in the category of Community Stewardship.

Youth

The citizen representatives recommend that a 2010 Environment Award for Youth be presented to:

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Brentwood Park Elementary School for its outstanding initiative in environmental participation and education.

The school is participating in a number of environmentally friendly activities including recycling and reducing their energy and plastic consumption. The activities are being run by students and the school reached 'Green School' status this year with the *Seeds Foundation*, a Canadian not-for-profit environmental and education organization. An inspiring colour slideshow movie with student narrative was included in their application highlighting the work of students at the school.

For its outstanding initiatives in environmental participation and education, Brentwood Park Elementary School is recommended to receive an Environment Award in the category of Youth.

4.0 2010 ENVIRONMENTAL STARS

Planning and Development Star

The citizen representatives recommend that a 2010 Environmental Star in Planning and Development be presented to:

Coro Strandberg and Phillip Legg for their notable efforts and accomplishment in constructing an environmentally friendly residential home in Burnaby.

Coro Strandberg and Phillip Legg have built their residential home located near Giley Avenue south of Deer Lake Park with the intent to reach a *LEED* gold standard. House features include solar panels, low VOC paints, a rain barrel, an outdoor compost system and many other environmental and energy saving features. The house has already attained gold standard with the *Built Green* program and has been recognized by the *2010 Green Building Challenge*.

For their notable efforts and accomplishment in constructing an environmentally friendly residential home in Burnaby, Coro Strandberg and Phillip Legg are recommended to receive an Environment Star in the category of Planning and Development.

Business Stewardship Star

The citizen representatives recommend that a 2010 Environmental Star in Business Stewardship be presented to:

Candace LeRoy for her prominent effort with the Sustainability Ambassadors Program at Simon Fraser University.

Candace LeRoy is the Sustainability Coordinator at Simon Fraser University where she advances environmental initiatives with University staff and students that can be applied at work and home. In 2008, she started the *Sustainability Ambassadors Program* which provides assistance for the SFU community to promote positive environmental change and

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reduce SFU's ecological footprint. The initiatives include educational material explaining ways to reduce energy, greenhouse gases and plastics and to use recycled paper. The program has grown to include more than 50 volunteers at all three SFU campuses.

For her prominent effort with the Sustainability Ambassadors Program at Simon Fraser University, Candace LeRoy is recommended to receive an Environment Star in the category of Business Stewardship.

5.0 CONCLUSION

The citizen representatives of the Environment Committee recommend that the prestigious 2010 Environment Awards and Environmental Stars be given to the recipients as acknowledged in this report. The citizen representatives feel that the individuals and groups listed have contributed to the City's natural environment and are worthy of this recognition.

It is recommended that the 2010 City of Burnaby Environment Awards and Environmental Stars be presented at a reception on 2010 Sunday June 6 at 12:00PM at the Burnaby Lake Rowing Pavilion. The event is an occasion for Burnaby to honor its environmental volunteers, champions and achievements. Council, Environment Committee members, School Trustees and past and present Award and Star recipients will be sent invitations to attend the event.

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Attachment

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City of Burnaby Environment Awards 2010 Terms-of-Reference

The City of Burnaby Environmental Awards Program recognizes contributions made by individuals, groups, organizations and companies to improve Burnaby's environment and our understanding of it. The program increases the awareness and responsibilities of the public and the City toward the environment.

The City's Environment Awards Program consists of the Environment Awards and the Environmental 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.

Make a nomination today and show your support for Burnaby's environmental leaders.

Award Categories

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. *Green Choices*

This category recognizes residents of Burnaby who demonstrate an exemplary commitment to environmentally friendly choices in the home, garden and community. Nominated individuals should demonstrate commitment to reducing their impact on the natural environment through any or all of the following means: household energy, waste and water efficiency, innovation in natural garden practices, and other sustainable lifestyle choices.

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.

Nomination Information

Multiple recipients can be identified in any and all award categories. The deadline for nominations is April 9th, 2010. Check out the City's webpage at www.burnaby.ca to download a nomination form.

Award Process

The Environment Awards are given annually during Environment Week (May 31st - June 6th). Recipients are chosen by the Citizen Representatives of the City's Environment Committee. The list of recommended award winners is then forwarded by the Environment Committee to City Council for review and approval. The awards will be announced at Council on May 17, 2010. The awards will be presented at a special luncheon on Sunday, June 6th.

Additional Information

If you have any questions, comments, or require additional information, please contact:

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