

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: 2011 ENVIRONMENT AWARDS AND STARS**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT Council receive this report for information.

**REPORT**

Council, at the 'Closed' Council meeting held on 2010 May 30, 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 2011 May 30 '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:** 2011 May 04

**FROM:** CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVES,  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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

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**SUBJECT: 2011 ENVIRONMENT AWARDS AND STARS**

**PURPOSE:** To recommend recipients of the 2011 City of Burnaby Environment Awards and Environmental Stars Program.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** the Environment Committee recommend the following 2011 Environment Awards to Council for consideration at Council's meeting of 2011 May 30:
  - a. The 2011 Environment Award for Business Stewardship be presented to Ivanhoe Cambridge Metrotown Properties for their outstanding contributions to energy conservation, waste reduction, and additional sustainable practices in the office and retail sector.
  - b. The 2011 Environment Award for Communications be presented to Louise Towell, of the Stream of Dreams Mural Society, for her exceptional contributions regarding fish habitat advocacy and environmental education in Burnaby through facilitation of community artwork installations.
2. **THAT** the Environment Committee recommend the following 2011 Environmental Stars to Council for consideration at Council's meeting of 2011 May 30:
  - a. The 2011 Environmental Star for Business Stewardship be presented to Alexandre Hebert and the BCIT Sustainability Committee for their noteworthy effort to advance sustainability policy and practice at an institutional level.

- b. The 2011 Environmental Star for Community Stewardship be presented to Alan C. James, for his dedication to urban streamkeeping and environmental stewardship as part of the Stoney Creek Environment Committee.
  - c. The 2011 Environmental Star for Community Stewardship be presented to Denis Boko for his contributions involving urban streamkeeping and environmental stewardship in the Kaymar Creek area of Burnaby.
  - d. The 2011 Environmental Star for Green Choices be presented to Dan Leah, Strata President, representing the residents of the Belgravia condominium tower in Burnaby for their efforts in multi-family residential waste reduction.
  - e. The 2011 Environmental Star for Youth be presented to Burnaby Secondary School students Frances Clayton, Aliya Dossa, Jennifer Hao, Sofiya Kominko, Ziggy Linklater, Helena Trajic, Tiffany Yang, and Valariya Zaborska for their efforts in raising environmental awareness through the Burnaby Youth Sustainability Network.
3. **THAT** the 2011 Environment Awards and Environmental Stars be presented at an event on 2011 June 12 at the Burnaby Lake Rowing Pavilion in conjunction with the Burnaby Lake Rejuvenation Project completion celebratory activities.

## REPORT

### 1.0 BACKGROUND

Adopted by Council in 1993, *The State of the Environment Report for Burnaby*, identifies a necessity "...to establish an environmental award program to recognize environmental achievements". In 1996, terms-of-reference for such an environmental awards program were adopted by the then Environment and Waste Management Committee and the first Burnaby environmental awards were presented that year. The Environmental Stars component of the Awards Program was adopted by Council in 2000 to acknowledge a broader range of environmental contributions. 2011 marks the fifteenth year of the Environment Awards program to recognize and celebrate contributions to the City's environment.

This report presents this year's Environment Awards and Environmental Star recommendations for review by the Environment Committee as brought forth by its citizen representatives. The terms-of-reference information for the 2011 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 2011 Environmental Awards Program Call for Nominations was approved by Council on 2011 February 21. Nominations for awards were subsequently received by the City. The citizen representatives of the Environment Committee reviewed all of the nominations received. Recommendations for the Awards and Stars, as selected by the citizen representatives of the Environment Committee, are presented in this report. Environment Awards are intended for those groups and individuals who have made substantial contributions over an extended period of time for the environment. Groups and individuals who have made noteworthy environmental contributions of a less extensive scope are considered for Environmental Stars.

This year, two (2) Environmental Awards and five (5) Environmental Stars are being recommended. More than one Environmental Award and Star may be presented in each category; however an Award or Star is not required to be selected for each category. It is noted that in previous years, the number of Awards and Stars presented has varied from three to fourteen.

It is recommended that the 2011 Burnaby Environment Awards and Environmental Stars be presented at an event held in conjunction with the Burnaby Lake Rejuvenation Project completion celebratory activities on 2011 June 12 at the Burnaby Lake Rowing Pavilion.

## **3.0 2011 ENVIRONMENT AWARDS**

### **Business Stewardship Award**

The citizen representatives recommend that a 2011 Environment Award for Business Stewardship be presented to:

*Ivanhoe Cambridge Metrotown Properties for their outstanding contributions to energy conservation, waste reduction, and additional sustainable practices in the office and retail sector.*

As a key contributor to the retail and office sectors of Burnaby, Ivanhoe Cambridge and its Metrotown Properties have made substantial operational improvements over the past four years with regard to environmental sustainability. Since 2009, this group has made notable on-site waste reduction progress including food waste composting with a reported 2010 waste diversion rate of 40%. Energy savings projects have also been incorporated into their operations including energy efficiency upgrades to its mechanical system, parkade and other lighting retrofits and HVAC efficiency programming practices. Additional implementation practices include adopting on-site landscaping methods incorporating indigenous plant material without the use of pesticides, as well as employing an electric utility truck for local deliveries.

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For their outstanding contribution to energy conservation, waste reduction and additional sustainable practices in the office and retail sector, Ivanhoe Cambridge Metrotown Properties is recommended to receive an Environment Award in the category of Business Stewardship.

### **Communications Award**

The citizen representatives recommend that a 2011 Environment Award for Communications be presented to:

*Louise Towell, of the Stream of Dreams Mural Society, for her exceptional contributions regarding fish habitat advocacy and environmental education in Burnaby through facilitation of community artwork installations.*

For over a decade, Louise Towell has made a foremost effort to help raise awareness of the significance and fragility of fish habitat in the urban environment. She is a local Burnaby resident, educator, co-founder and champion of the nationally recognized and award winning Stream of Dreams Mural Society. Since last year, over 120,000 people have participated with the Stream of Dreams organisation and its unique combination of environmental education, community engagement and creation of multi-media fish artwork. Louise's positive engagement with Burnaby schools and encouragement for environmental responsibility is of particular note.

For her exceptional contributions regarding fish habitat advocacy and environmental education in Burnaby through facilitation of community artwork installations, Louise Towell, of the Stream of Dreams Mural Society, is recommended to receive an Environment Award in the category of Communications.

## **4.0 2011 ENVIRONMENTAL STARS**

### **Business Stewardship Star**

The citizen representatives recommend that a 2011 Environmental Star in Business Stewardship be presented to:

*Alexandre Hebert and the BCIT Sustainability Committee for their noteworthy effort to advance sustainability policy and practice at an institutional level.*

As BCIT's Energy and Sustainability Manager, Alexandre Hebert, from BCIT's School of Construction and Environment, is responsible for campus sustainability and sits on the BCIT's Sustainability Committee. Since 2009, the Sustainability Committee, which guides seven campus working groups, has been involved in encouraging sustainability at an institutional level and implementing the school's recently developed Sustainability Policy. The committee's leadership and support in a wide range of campus initiatives and projects, including reducing the school's ecological footprint, have set the stage to further advance BCIT's relationship with its natural environment.

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For their noteworthy effort to advance sustainability policy and practice at an institutional level, Alexandre Hebert and the BCIT Sustainability Committee are recommended to receive an Environmental Star in the category of Business Stewardship.

### **Community Stewardship Star**

The citizen representatives recommend that a 2011 Environmental Star in Community Stewardship be presented to:

*Alan C. James for his dedication to urban streamkeeping and environmental stewardship as part of the Stoney Creek Environment Committee.*

Alan James has been an active and dynamic member of the Stoney Creek Environment Committee since 2003. He has participated in numerous Stoney Creek environmental stewardship activities involving its protection and enhancement for over seven years. As secretary of the group, his management proficiency has benefitted the group in their many projects and his persistent communication skills have contributed to the group's role as advocate for the health of Stoney Creek's watershed in discussion with other involved agencies. His contributions in sustaining the work of the group over the past year, with the recent passing of former Stoney Creek Executive Committee co-founder Jennifer Atchison, are particularly noted.

For his dedication to urban streamkeeping and environmental stewardship as part of the Stoney Creek Environment Committee, Alan C. James is recommended to receive an Environmental Star in the category of Community Stewardship.

### **Community Stewardship Star**

The citizen representatives recommend that a 2011 Environmental Star in Community Stewardship be presented to:

*Denis Boko for his contributions involving urban streamkeeping and environmental stewardship in the Kaymar Creek area of Burnaby.*

Denis Boko has been a key individual in raising environmental awareness recently in the Kaymar Creek watershed area of Burnaby. He is the founder of the Urban Forest Group, a local Burnaby environmental stewardship group, and has organized and participated in a number of streamkeeping activities including invasive plant removals, garbage clean-ups and stream monitoring in the area. Denis has also been active with other environmental groups, showing his commitment to the environment by contributing to the Evergreen organization, the Environmental Youth Alliance and the Byrne Creek Streamkeepers Society.

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For his contributions involving urban streamkeeping and environmental stewardship in the Kaymar Creek area of Burnaby, Denis Boko is recommended to receive an Environmental Star in the category of Community Stewardship.

### **Green Choices Star**

The citizen representatives recommend that a 2011 Environmental Star in Green Choices be presented to:

*Dan Leah, Strata President representing the residents of the Belgravia condominium tower in Burnaby for their efforts in multi-family residential waste reduction.*

The Belgravia is a 30 storey, 155 unit condominium tower located at 6838 Station Hill Drive near the Edmonds Skytrain station. Residents of the Belgravia have been actively participating in waste reduction through the City's Multi-family Food Scraps Pilot Project Program with great success. They have also established a bottle wash and return station, electronic waste pick-up and donation box for charity. Their vigorous contribution to environmental sustainability through waste reduction in Edmonds is noteworthy.

For their efforts in multi-family residential waste reduction, Dan Leah, Strata President representing the residents of the Belgravia condominium tower in Burnaby are recommended to receive an Environmental Star in the category of Green Choices.

### **Youth Stars**

The citizen representatives recommend that a 2011 Environmental Award for Youth be presented to:

*Burnaby Secondary School students Frances Clayton, Aliya Dossa, Jennifer Hao, Sofiya Kominko, Ziggy Linklater, Helena Trajic, Tiffany Yang, and Valariya Zaborska for their outstanding efforts in raising environmental awareness with the Burnaby Youth Sustainability Network and its activities.*

These eight Burnaby Secondary School students from Burnaby North, Moscrop and Burnaby South are participating members of the Burnaby Youth Sustainability Network, a student-lead environmental stewardship organization supported by the Burnaby School District 41. The group recently coordinated a Burnaby-wide environmental youth conference involving 200 students hosted by Burnaby North Secondary School. Their organizational, communication and graphic design skills demonstrated a clear enthusiasm for environmental awareness and vision for a 'green' Burnaby.

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For their outstanding efforts in raising environmental awareness through the Burnaby Youth Sustainability Network and its activities, Burnaby Secondary School students Frances Clayton, Aliya Dossa, Jennifer Hao, Sofiya Kominko, Ziggy Linklater, Helena Trajic, Tiffany Yang, and Valariya Zaborska are recommended to receive an Environment Award in the category of Youth.

## 5.0 CONCLUSION

This year marks fifteen years of the Environment Awards program in Burnaby. As outlined in this report, it is recommended by the citizen representatives of the Environment Committee that the 2011 Environment Awards and Environmental Stars be presented to the acknowledged nominees. The citizen representatives consider that the organizations and individuals described are commendable of this recognition and have made a substantial contribution with regard to the City's natural environment.

The 2011 City of Burnaby Environment Award and Environmental Star recipients are to be recognized at an event to be held on Sunday June 12 at the Burnaby Lake Rowing Pavilion. This will be an opportunity for Burnaby to celebrate its environmental champions and their accomplishments. Council, Environment Committee members, School Trustees and past and proposed Award and Star recipients will be invited to attend. This year, the event will be held in conjunction with the Burnaby Lake Rejuvenation completion celebratory activities to also be held at the Burnaby Lake Rowing Pavilion.

This report is respectfully submitted by the Citizen Representatives of the Environment Committee for consideration.

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Attachment



**City of Burnaby Environment Awards 2011 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. 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.

**2. 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.

**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. 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.

## **5. 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.

## **6. 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.

### **Nomination Information**

Multiple recipients can be identified in any and all award categories. The deadline for nominations is April 15th, 2011. Check out the City's webpage at [www.burnaby.ca](http://www.burnaby.ca) to download a nomination form.

### **Award Process**

The Environment Awards are given annually during Environment Week (June 5th - June 11th). 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 30th, 2011. The awards will be presented at a special reception on Sunday, June 12th.

### **Additional Information**

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

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