

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS**DATE:** 2011 March 15**FROM:** KUSHIRO CUP SELECTION COMMITTEE**SUBJECT: KUSHIRO CUP AWARD
2010 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR****PURPOSE:** The purpose of this report is to announce the presentation of the 2010 Citizen of the Year Award to Gloria Kravac at the Annual Appreciation Dinner to be held on 2011 May 06.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council receive this report for information.

REPORT

Burnaby City Council, at the Closed Council meeting held on 2011 March 14 received and adopted a report from the Kushiro Cup Selection Committee recommending Gloria Kravac be awarded the Kushiro Cup for 2010 Outstanding Citizen of the Year. Ms. Kravac has been chosen for this award for her active volunteerism and support for senior citizens in Burnaby. Gloria Kravac was nominated by Anne Howell, *“for her outstanding dedication and support to seniors in her community”*. Her nomination is supported by Carole Kaye, Chairperson of the Voices of Burnaby Seniors’ Task Force, and Shauna Grant, Volunteer Program Coordinator, Citizen Support Services.

An article in a 2009 February edition of the Burnaby NewsLeader states “Burnaby is embedded in Gloria Kravac’s DNA” which nicely sums up the commitment Gloria has demonstrated to her community for many years. Gloria’s grandparents settled in Burnaby before the First World War and the only time she hasn’t lived in Burnaby, she lived a block or two from Boundary Road. Gloria attended Gilmore elementary school and then Burnaby North. She describes her Heights neighbourhood as a little village back then, and she still maintains friendships with many of the people she grew up with.

She and her husband, Nick raised their son and two daughters in Burnaby and their son continues to live in the City.

A senior herself, Gloria has been a volunteer with Citizen Support Services since November 1995. She started out as a hostess and driver for the North Lunch Program and also as a driver for the Gadabouts bus outings program. In October 1998, Gloria volunteered with the Hearing Screening clinics for kindergarten children and in February 2010 started attending Gadabouts as an assistant, while still performing her driving duties.

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In addition to her volunteer activities with Citizen Support Services, Gloria began working with a group of volunteers who held a series of seniors' forums, eventually becoming the Voices of Burnaby Seniors Task Force (VOBS). Gloria chaired the task force for over a year following its inception and for the past two years has been co-chair of the VOBS Transportation Subcommittee, one of the more active working groups.

While being a very active volunteer, Gloria also takes time to participate in her own activities including golf with her husband Nick and participating in a walking program. One of her nominators states her commitment to good physical health allows her to continue her involvement in what matters to her. She is an excellent example of how a person can continue living an active and healthy life in her senior years.

Gloria Kravac's nominator, Anne Howell states "...Gloria is a kind and gentle person who always takes a genuine interest in what is happening in my life. These small acts of kindness are so important to all of us seniors"... The Kushiro Cup Committee agrees with Ms Howell and are pleased to recommend Council honour Ms Gloria Kravac as the City of Burnaby "2010 Citizen of the Year".

The Kushiro Cup will be presented to Ms Kravac at the annual Appreciation Dinner to be held on Friday, May 06, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Nick Volkow
Chair

Councillor Dan Johnston,
Member

Councillor Colleen Jordan
Member

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