

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS **DATE:** 2013 March 21

FROM: KUSHIRO CUP SELECTION COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: 2012 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – MR. LOU BEAUBIEN

PURPOSE: The purpose of this report is to announce the presentation of the 2012 Citizen of the Year Award to Mr. Lou Beaubien at the annual City Appreciation Dinner to be held on 2013 May 24.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

REPORT

Burnaby City Council, at the 'Closed' Council meeting held on 2013 March 11, received and adopted a report from the Kushiro Cup Selection Committee recommending that Mr. Lou Beaubien be awarded the Kushiro Cup for 2012 Outstanding Citizen of the Year. Mr. Beaubien has been a tireless volunteer and enthusiast of the Burnaby Amateur Radio Club and is recognized for his major role with radio equipment and antenna work in the planning of both the old and new Edmonds Community Centres in Burnaby. Mr. Beaubien is active with the Burnaby BRACES radio emergency group and the new Burnaby area Radiosport Fox Hunt. He has been instrumental in establishing an active emergency amateur radio station at the Burnaby Red Cross and continues to encourage citizens to volunteer for the Red Cross and contributes as a dedicated supporter of the organization.

Through his volunteer work with the 2012 BC Seniors Games, as Chair of the Courtesy Car Division, Mr. Beaubien, through his many service organizations, was influential and proactive in seeking volunteer drivers and essential in coordinating their efforts. In addition, Mr. Beaubien used his powers of persuasion to secure at no-charge a radio dispatch system from Gentel, one of the Games sponsors.

Mr. Beaubien is an advocate of the Knights of Columbus Council 5423 and as articulated by his nominators *"a fine example of the principle of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism in action"*. Mr. Beaubien has supported and raised funds for various churches and community projects and continues to ensure the physically challenged are able to attend church and social functions. One of his enthusiastic supporters writes: *"Lou is very modest and it is impossible to know how many people he has helped or brightened their day. He is the best example of what a citizen of Burnaby should be and deserves this recognition before his 80th birthday next year"*.

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Another of Mr. Beaubien's supporter's states: "*Lou is my mentor and example of what a citizen of any age can accomplish*". The Kushiro Cup Committee agrees with this, and all of the other reasons provided in this report, is pleased to recommend Council honour Mr. Lou Beaubien as the City of Burnaby "*2012 Citizen of the Year*".

The Kushiro Cup will be presented to Mr. Lou Beaubien at the annual City Appreciation Dinner to be held on Friday, 2013 May 24.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Nick Volkow
Chair

Councillor Colleen Jordan
Vice Chair

Councillor Sav Dhaliwal
Member

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