



Meeting 2016 Jun 01

COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

DATE: 2016 May 18

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

FILE: 1450 01
Reference: Local Heroes

SUBJECT: 2016 LOCAL HERO NOMINEES

PURPOSE: To recommend individuals for receipt of 2016 Local Hero Awards and to seek funding approval for the 2017 Local Hero Award Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the Committee request Council to:
 - a. Approve the nominations of the following individuals for receipt of Burnaby Local Hero Awards in 2016:
 - i. Khalid Boudreau
 - ii. Hazel Caley
 - iii. Brenda Felker
 - iv. Annette Vowles
 - b. Invite approved nominees to the 2016 October 17 Council meeting to be presented with their Local Hero Award certificates of recognition.
 - c. Approve expenditures of up to \$3,000 from the 2017 Boards, Committees and Commissions budget for printing and advertising costs for the 2017 Local Hero Award program.

REPORT**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Since 1997, Burnaby has identified and recognized Local Heroes, individuals who make outstanding contributions to community well-being in Burnaby. To date, the City has recognized 251 Local Heroes, individuals who represent diverse interests and backgrounds and have contributed to the community in a variety of ways (see list of past recipients in *Appendix 1, attached*).

2.0 LOCAL HERO NOMINEES

As in previous years, nominations were sought for the 2016 Local Hero Awards through advertisements in local newspapers, the City website, the City's social media channels (e.g., City

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Facebook page and Twitter account), and community networks (e.g. Burnaby Interagency Council¹). Associated posters and nomination forms were also circulated through all City venues (e.g., City Hall, recreation centres, libraries, community police offices), and through partners such as the Burnaby School District. Volunteer Burnaby also distributed information about the program to their members and networks. The call for Local Hero nominations opened in 2016 February and the deadline for submitting nominations was 2016 April 26. As per a long-established practice, staff reviewed the submitted nominations and developed a shortlist of nominees for Committee consideration.

As stated in the eligibility guidelines established by Committee in 2010, a maximum of 12 Local Heroes may be selected in a given year. The awards are intended to recognize individuals who have made contributions to community well-being in Burnaby through volunteer activities for at least five years and in a minimum of two different activities. Local Hero Awards are given on a one-time basis only.

A total of five nominations were received this year. After reviewing the submissions in accordance with the established criteria, the following four nominees are proposed for 2016 Local Hero Awards.

Khalid Boudreau

Khalid has been active in his community for most of his adolescence. Four years ago, Khalid joined the Burnaby District UN Connections Club, a network of Burnaby secondary students who work towards raising awareness and discussing solutions to global issues such as human rights and the rights of the child. The network meets in a UN style forum and participates in monthly teleconferences with similar networks across the globe. In his role as leader of the club, he chairs the meetings and trains newer members in the protocols of Model UN debate. Under his leadership, many Burnaby youth have been inspired to join and actively participate in the club. He acts as a mentor for youth in Burnaby to become more aware of global issues, as well as being engaged and informed citizens of Burnaby. Khalid has also volunteered for five years with Spare the Cold Collective Society, a Burnaby based charity that provides backpacks of essential necessities and comfort items to street-entrenched and/or unstably housed populations during the Christmas season. Khalid has assisted with collecting the needed donations and supplies and putting together the packages for the Society. As Khalid's nominators note: "*Khalid is a definite leader and his community and school-based work collide to create amazing motivation and inspiration...and [he] deserves recognition as a leader in the community.*"

Hazel Caley

For fifteen years, Hazel has been an active volunteer serving Burnaby's seniors and new parents through her involvement with the City's Citizen Support Services Volunteer Program. Hazel has taken on a variety of roles from calling in weekly grocery orders for isolated seniors to being the team captain of a group of volunteer shoppers and organizing the shopping trips. She also shares her time as a weekly volunteer visitor to isolated seniors and helps with planned seniors' outings. She has further helped with a program to assist new mothers with the care of their new infants. Additional volunteer work includes fundraising for BC Cancer Society, as well as ushering at the James Cowan Theatre, the Burnaby Blues and Roots Festival and the Rhododendron Festival. As Hazel's nominators write: "*Hazel...brings a truly compassionate, diligent, responsible ethic to her*

¹ Burnaby Interagency Council is an informal affiliation of approximately 100 representatives from organizations and agencies offering community and social services in Burnaby.

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volunteering. [She] has driven in the snow to deliver groceries when the paid contractor couldn't and taken seniors to hospital appointments at the last minute. Hazel is that 'GO TO' volunteer that [inspires] the volunteers on her team."

Brenda Felker

Brenda has been an active volunteer in Burnaby for many years seeking to enrich the lives of seniors in the community. She serves on the board of the Bonsor 55+ Society, which aims to maintain, improve and promote quality leisure lifestyles for adults aged 55+ in Burnaby. She is a natural choice for the Society's liaison to other seniors support groups in Burnaby due to her active involvement with many of them. Since its inception in 2007, Brenda has volunteered with the Voices of Burnaby Seniors, assisting with its advocacy efforts, organizing events and recruiting participants. She is also a board member, and current President, of the New Vista Society where she led the board in developing a concept to build a new care home on site. Between 1990 and 2001, Brenda was also active on two municipal committees: the Advisory Planning Commission and the Environment and Waste Management Committee. As Brenda's nominators describe: *"It is hard to think of how anyone could make a greater impact in the community and lives of the citizens of Burnaby than Brenda. She is very deserving of a Burnaby Local Hero Award because of her outstanding long term contribution to community well-being and the impact her service continues to make."*

Annette Vowles

For over two decades, Annette has been an active volunteer with the George Derby Volunteer Society, where she contributes in diverse ways. Besides assisting residents at George Derby Centre, Annette is the volunteer bookkeeper for the Society. She has also served as the Gift Shop shopper, assisting with stocking the gift shop and ensuring that items requested by George Derby residents are regularly stocked. She often helps residents with shopping orders and delivers purchases to residents' rooms. Annette also contributes to event planning at the Centre. She assists staff with planning birthday celebrations for residents, as well as other events, such as Remembrance Day ceremonies. During special events, Annette leads a team of volunteers in ushering attendees to their seats, providing special assistance to those using wheelchairs or walkers. Annette also assists with clerical duties related to special events as needed. As Annette's nominators describe: *"We like to think of Annette as our Mighty Mouse. She has great attention to detail, humble, quiet, doesn't ask for attention; [she] has her own drive and [is] 110% committed."*

3.0 ASSESSMENT

Based on the established selection criteria, the foregoing four nominees satisfy the guidelines for Burnaby's Local Hero Award program and demonstrate the exemplary characteristics required of a local hero. In their unique ways, they have all made noteworthy contributions to community well-being and merit recognition as Local Heroes.

4.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

2016 marks the twentieth year that Burnaby has recognized Local Heroes. As in previous years, the quality of submissions and calibre of nominees is high. It is believed that the Local Hero Award program is an effective vehicle for recognizing citizens who have made noteworthy contributions to community well-being in Burnaby over the years. A key strength of the program is that the nominations are received from the community.

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It is recommended that the Committee request Council to approve the nominations of the following individuals for receipt of Burnaby Local Hero Awards in 2016:

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- iv. Annette Vowles

It is further recommended that the Committee request Council to invite approved nominees to the 2016 October 17 Council meeting to be presented with certificates of recognition. After the awards presentation, staff will publish an article celebrating the Local Hero Award recipients in a forthcoming issue of InfoBurnaby and on the City website.

Finally, as in previous years, it is recommended that the Committee request Council to approve expenditures of up to \$3,000 from the Boards, Committees and Commissions budget for printing and advertising costs for the 2017 Local Hero Award program. Staff will also work to align 2017 promotional activities with the Kushiro Cup program, the time period of which overlaps with the Local Hero Award program, in order to save on advertising and printing costs.

With Committee adoption of the recommendation of this report, the report would advance to Council for initial consideration at a Closed meeting in 2016 August, with subsequent consideration at an Open meeting in 2016 September. With Council approval, successful nominees would be notified, and the awards presented at the 2016 October 17 Council meeting.


 Lou Pelletier, Director
 PLANNING AND BUILDING

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Attachment

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Director Engineering
Fire Chief
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City Clerk | Deputy City Managers
Director Finance
Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
Chief Librarian |
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APPENDIX 1
LOCAL HEROES 1997 - 2015

1997 (7)

Barbara Brady
Don Brown
Beth Chobotuck
Don Copan
Eddie Fisher
Maddie Greenleaf
Barb Peabody

1998 (8)

Ray Abernethy
Alison Dalgleish
Bharati Envik
Lilac Jung
Faye Ku
Ruth Loland
Anita Loy
Melody Marbach
Sharon Mudrakoff

1999 (14)

Georgia Cole
Marjorie Deschner
Gloria Inglis
Effie Kennedy
Erna Kozak
Marion Krauss
Nick Kvenich
George McLean
Scott Robertson
Ken Ryan
Rudy Spence
Don Steen
Barbara Stewart
Tim Zimich

2000 (11)

Mark Angelo
Lillian Chalmers
Glenice English
Philip Henderson
Grace Jo
Les Lee Lowe
Barbara Luesler
Tony Mauro
Doreen Pleyer
Joyce Rosteron
Carol Roycroft

2001 (11)

Rosy Abernethy
Beverly Adams
Tracie Buzza
Dennis Baker
Joane Carne
Paulene Hall
Christina Lupien
Judith Marshall
Louise Towell
Sandy Twinn
Marguerite Wallace

2002 (18)

Elizabeth Briemberg
Steve Cairns
Milla Canessa
Kenney Chan
Jack Cyr
Harvey Elder
Richard Harvey
Eshel Hawthorne
Reg Hawthorne
Vivian Henderson
Gail Klarer
Kenny So Ying Leung
Nick Lutz
Eleanor MacQueen
Merv Magus
Regina Ogmundson
Hugh Robertson
Norm Sanderoock
Bernice Wiseman

2003 (20)

Jeannette Aadland
Keith Beedle
Gladys Brundrett
Parvin Chami
Gillian Chan
Paul Colvin
John DeForest
Jeanne Fike
Maureen Francois
Ruth Gauschi
Lina Hu
Pak Wing Kan
Carol La Croix
Jay McGarva
Rajinder Pandher
Eric Sato
Norman Song
Margaret Van Soest
Greg van Eeuw
Deb Yaschuk

2004 (20)

Joy Ayers
Hakam Bhaloo
Olivia Fera
Gino Fera
Sandra Feakuk
Gillian Gallison
Lois Godfrey
Helen Hamilton
Joanna Herbrun
Michelle Leong
John McQuade
Shirely Mortimer
Kevan Ozley
Lou Ryan
Harjinder Saghera
Liza Shoda
Carolyn Sinclair
Tom Stewart
Lisa Thomson
Lisa Wong

2005 (18)

Marilyn Cooper
Linda Corrin
Bill Conson
Frances Dickson
Diane Doble
Begum Ebrahim
Kate Evans
Theresa Johannaen
Patrick Johnson
Alan Joyce
Vicki Kreuzer
Irene Kyle
Larry Lynn
Fergus McCann
Pearl Price
Josie Romero
Gloria Tom Wing Staudt
Gail Yip

2006 (19)

Amanda van Aggelen
Pat Beaucamp
Della Benig
Ardeil Louise Brophy-Fitzpatrick
Alla Chatur
Bonnie Davies
Liz Dill
Doreen George
Rhodora Horgan
Gerry Juzenas
Margaret Koester
Jim Lawrence
Anna Rowden
Tina Schipper
Hazel Simnett
Sasha Tawari
Ryan Brandimayr
Paul Legge
Charm Toor

2007 (20)

Jennifer Atchison
Pushpa Cheema
Donna Dawson
Eman Elmasri
Barbara (Barb) Harris
Gregg Harris
Jon Hernandez
Mary Hernandez
Mary Horton
Rakhi Kent
Rahman Latif
Aly Latif
Elizabeth (Liz) McEwan
Wanda Mulholland
Susan Papedionisiou
Patrice Pratt
John Speckman
Pak-Kwan Tam
Chiu-Lin Tam
Margaret Widmer

2008 (19)

Grace Mul
Stephanie Jaeger
John Johnston
Rosemary Meech
Norman Roberts
Gloria Kravac
Laurie Sheehan
Myrtle Linden
Diane Gillis
Anne Baker
Irene Harvalias
Margaret (Peggy) McClean
Nelly Noort
Ernie Bodie
Bob (Robert) Khun
Frankie Cena
Sam K. Nalcker
Ken Best
Shayma Akhi

2009 (13)

Stella Castillo
Merrilyn Cook
Sidney Cumbers
Keanna Driedger
Sharon Freeman
Fatshah Jetha
Jack Kuyar
Tammy Ozero
Wanley Poh
Deepak Prasad
Wendell Ratcliffe
Mohammed I. Shamsi
Millie Wylie

2010 (10)

Jonathan Van Aggelen
Ray Allen
Elsie Dean
David Gates
Shirley Hill
Darlene James
Carole Kaya
Kathy Tietjen
Tony Tsang
Violet Zaytaof

2011 (7)

Darlene Gering
Stephen Hughes
Vicky Ma
Raymond McKay
Jim McQueen
Sonia Purewal
Nettie Wong

2012 (8)

Karen Corcoran
Thea Justt
Maria Motta
Vivian Pirier
Michael Raynor
Linda Saunders
Tanaya Shaw
Merilena (Marilyn) Soligo

2013 (8)

Verna Adamson
Georgette Leduc
Dr. Carol Matusicky
Gulshan Megil
Verlma Pallen
Larry Smith
Ken Tunncliffe
Melanie Waitus

2014 (10)

Farida Bano Ali
Flavia Crema
Ernest Maltland
Celidh Miller
Teresa Morton
Susan Nugent
Carol Rush
Ariene Sawchuck
Yun-ik Schaller
Peggy Woodruff

2015 (8)

George Doering
Janice Froese
Asha Jiwa
Maureen Kirk
Lindy McQueen
Heather Podrow
Clare Stegan
Tony Wong