



Meeting 2016 Jan 14

COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: 2016 Jan 07

FROM: ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

FILE: 2410-20
Reference: PSC

SUBJECT: 2016 PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD NOMINEES

PURPOSE: Seeking approval to honour three individuals with the Public Safety Award for their outstanding actions in attempting to save a life.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** the Committee request Council approve the following nominations for receipt of the Burnaby Public Safety Award for 2016:
 - a. Mr. John (Jack) Wilson
 - b. Mr. Tyson Rasmussen
 - c. Ms. Rebecca Littke
2. **THAT** Council invite the approved nominees to the 2016 February 15, Council meeting to be presented with a Public Safety Award Certificate of Appreciation and plaque in recognition of their outstanding actions.

REPORT**BACKGROUND**

Burnaby City Council at its meeting held on 2007 December 17, approved a Community Policing Committee recommendation regarding the creation of the Community Policing Award. The award is intended to recognize individuals with a connection to Burnaby who have carried out an act of bravery or courage related to crime prevention or community policing.

In 2015, the Committee name was changed to the Public Safety Committee. Together with the RCMP, Anti-Graffiti and the Burnaby Fire Department were incorporated to enhance the Committee's comprehensive service delivery in support of a safer community for Burnaby citizens.

At the Public Safety Committee meeting held on 2015 December 10, the Committee requested staff change the name of the Community Policing Award to the Public Safety Award and update the guidelines to better reflect the new changes in the Committee structure.

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NOMINATION DETAILS

On 2015 February 17, during a two car collision in the area of Canada Way and Beta Avenue, a 22 year old woman was struck while walking on the sidewalk, sustaining significant injuries from one of the cars as it slid across the roadway onto the sidewalk. The above noted individuals rushed to her aid, assessed that she was in critical condition and attempted lifesaving first aid.

The victim was rushed to Royal Columbia Hospital by BC Ambulance; however, despite the momentous efforts of all involved she sadly succumbed to her injuries.

CONCLUSION

Mr. John (Jack) Wilson, Mr. Tyson Rasmussen and Ms. Rebecca Littke did not hesitate to put their medical training into practice and are to be commended for their quick thinking, humanitarian efforts and selflessness in attempting lifesaving CPR. The Committee recommends these three individuals as recipients for the Public Safety Award for the meritorious service and outstanding actions in coming to the aid of another citizen in distress.



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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Attachments

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Fire Chief
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