



FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: 2017 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
DOUGLAS (BILL) CORSON**

RECOMMENDATION:

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

R E P O R T

Burnaby City Council, at the Closed Council meeting held on 2018 March 26, received and adopted a report from the Financial Management Committee recommending that Mr. Douglas (Bill) Corson be awarded the Kushiro Cup as the 2017 Outstanding Citizen of the Year. Bill has been chosen for this award for his active volunteerism and support of Burnaby's citizens.

Bill has been a tireless advocate for community safety. As a volunteer with the Burnaby Citizens' Crime Watch Program, he has devoted countless hours patrolling the streets of Burnaby, reporting suspicious activity and recovering stolen vehicles. He is a Crime Watch Program leader, mentoring other volunteers on identifying and reporting suspicious activity.

In addition, Bill volunteers regularly for the South West Community Police Office. Bill believes that community support of the program is important to the volunteers, stating: *"we regularly get compliments from Burnaby residents, it keeps us going and lets us know that people appreciate the work we do".*

Regardless of where he is or what he is doing, Bill is constantly attentive to community safety. On one occasion while "off duty", Bill was suspicious of a vehicle parked near his home, determined the car was stolen and immediately reported it to the RCMP.

Bill is dedicated, dependable and conscientious. He attends the Community Police Office even when he is not feeling well or injured to make sure that the volunteers, who

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are going out on a citizens' crime watch patrol, are equipped with an additional laptop and an updated stolen plates list.

For 18 years, Bill has been a Block Watch Captain, observing and reporting incidents to police, and communicating crime prevention tips and information to neighbours and program participants.

Bill has received the RCMP 20 Year Long Service Award (2016), the RCMP Officer in Charge Certificate of Appreciation Award (2010), the BC Solicitor General Volunteer Award (2008), and the City of Burnaby Local Hero Award (2005).

Bill's nominator, Ms. Salame states: *"Bill is one of the kindest, most dedicated volunteers that you will meet, and he would be very deserving of such a great recognition and honour."*

The Financial Management Committee agrees that Mr. Douglas (Bill) Corson is truly worthy of receiving the honour of *"2017 Citizen of the Year"* and recommends this award be presented to Bill at the annual City Appreciation Dinner to be held on Friday, 2018 May 04 at the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Dan Johnston
Chair

Councillor Colleen Jordan
Vice Chair

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