

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: 2020 PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD NOMINEES**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT Council receive this report for information.

**REPORT**

Burnaby City Council, at its Closed meeting held on 2020 March 30, received and adopted the *attached* report from the Public Safety Committee recommending five individuals for receipt of the Burnaby Public Safety Award for their outstanding actions in saving a life and protecting public safety. At its Closed meeting held on 2020 April 27, Council adopted a subsequent report recommending the postponement of the award presentation due to the declaration of a public health emergency for COVID-19.

This report is provided for public information.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D. Johnston  
Chair

Councillor J. Wang  
Vice Chair

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**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE **DATE:** 2020 February 26

**FROM:** DIRECTOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
COMMUNITY SERVICES **FILE:** 02410-20

**SUBJECT:** 2020 PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD NOMINEES

**PURPOSE:** To seek Council authorization to honour five individuals with the Burnaby Public Safety Award for their outstanding actions in saving a life.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** the Public Safety Committee recommend the following individuals for the Public Safety Award to Council for consideration at Council's Closed meeting to be held on 2020 March 23:
  - a. Mr. Mike Keller
  - b. Mr. Richard Lipinski
  - c. Mr. Monty Shaw
  - d. Mr. Daniel Haynes
  - e. Mr. Alan Layton
2. **THAT** this report appear on the 2020 May 11 Open Council meeting agenda and that the recipients be invited to be presented with a Public Safety Award Certificate of Appreciation and plaque, in recognition of their bravery and outstanding action to ensure public safety.
3. **THAT** staff be authorized to contact the recipients and their nominator, and arrange for Public Safety Award Certificates of Appreciation and plaques prior to Council's Open consideration of the report on 2020 May 11.

**REPORT****1.0 INTRODUCTION**

In 2007, Burnaby City Council approved the establishment of an award to recognize individuals with a connection to Burnaby who have carried out meritorious service or an act of bravery related to fire prevention, crime prevention, community policing or public safety.

## 2.0 POLICY SECTION

The 2020 Public Safety Award honours individuals who performed acts of bravery in Burnaby in 2019, and supports the following goal of the City's Corporate Strategic Plan:

### Goal

- A Safe Community
  - Crime prevention and reduction -  
Ensure citizens and businesses feel safe in our community

## 3.0 PUBLIC SAFETY AWARD NOMINEES

On 2019 October 2, a group of security workers went above and beyond the scope of their normal work to assist in saving the life of a suicidal male who was seriously injured and openly wielding a knife in a busy, public space in Burnaby.

**Mr. Mike Keller** stepped in and took the knife from the male, **Mr. Richard Lipinski** immediately called for emergency services and first aid, and **Mr. Alan Layton** was first to apply first-aid to the male who was bleeding profusely from his throat and wrist. Mr. Keller and Mr. Lipinski, along with their coworkers **Mr. Monty Shaw** and **Mr. Daniel Haynes** assisted with first aid. Mr. Lipinski kept paramedics updated on the male's status until they arrived.

**Mr. Steve Verozinis**, a Guardteck Security Co. manager, nominated these five individuals.

The nominations meet the selection criteria set out in the Public Safety Award Guidelines.

## 4.0 RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Mike Keller, Mr. Richard Lipinski, Mr. Monty Shaw, Mr. Daniel Haynes and Mr. Alan Layton put their own safety aside and came to the aid of a suicidal male. Their bravery, quick thinking and selflessness likely saved the life of the male, while at the same time, protected members of the public from any harm. The Committee recommends these five individuals as recipients for the Public Safety Award for their acts of bravery which took place in Burnaby.

  
Dave Critchley,  
Director Public Safety & Community Services

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