

**SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR  
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: 2016 LOCAL HERO NOMINEES**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. THAT Council receive this report for information.

**REPORT**

The Social Planning Committee submitted a report to the Closed meeting of Council held on 2016 August 29, recommending individuals for receipt of the 2016 Local Hero Awards.

At its Closed meeting, Council received and adopted the attached report containing this year's Local Hero nominees.

This report is provided for public information.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor N. Volkow  
Chair

Councillor A. Kang  
Vice Chair

Councillor J. Wang  
Member

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**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.

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**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 Council<sup>1</sup>). 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*

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

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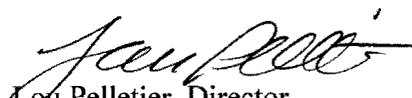
It is recommended that the Committee request Council to approve the nominations of the following individuals for receipt of Burnaby Local Hero Awards in 2016:

- i. Khalid Boudreau
- ii. Hazel Caley
- iii. Brenda Felker
- 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**

cc:	City Manager	Deputy City Managers
	Director Engineering	Director Finance
	Fire Chief	Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
	OIC - RCMP	Chief Librarian
	City Clerk	

**APPENDIX 1  
LOCAL HEROES 1997 - 2015**

<b>1997 (7)</b> Barbara Brady Don Brown Beth Chobotuck Don Copan Edie Fisher Maddie Greenlay Barb Peabody	<b>2001 (11)</b> Roxy Abernethy Beverly Adams Tracie Buzza Dennis Baker Joane Carne Paulene Hall Christina Lupien Judi Marshall Louise Towell Sandy Twinn Marguerite Wallace	<b>2004 (20)</b> Joy Ayers Hakam Bhaloo Olive Fera Gino Fera Sandra Fesluk Gillian Gallson Lois Godfrey Helen Hamilton Joanna Illebrun Michelle Leong John McQuade Shirely Mortimer Kevan Oxley Lou Ryan Harminder Saghera Liza Shoda Carolyn Sinclair Tom Stewart Lisa Thomson Lisa Wong	<b>2008 (19)</b> Amanda van Aggelen Pat Beaucamp Della Benig Ardeli Louise Brophy-Fitzpatrick Alia Chatur Bonnie Davies Liz Dill Doreen George Rhodora Horgan Gerry Juzenas Margaret Koster Jim Lawrence Anna Rowden Tina Schipper Hazel Simnett Sasha Tewari Ryan Brandimayr Paul Legge Charn Toor	<b>2006 (19)</b> 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. Naicker Ken Best Shayma Akhi	<b>2011 (7)</b> Darlene Gering Stephen Hughes Vicky Ma Raymond McKay Jim McQueen Sonia Purewal Nellie Wong
<b>1998 (9)</b> Ray Abernethy Allison Dalgleish Bharti Envik Lilac Jung Faye Ku Ruth Loland Anita Loy Melody Marbach Sharon Mudrakoff	<b>2002 (19)</b> Elizabeth Briemberg Steve Cairns Mille Canessa Kenney Chan Jack Cyr Harvey Elder Richard Harvey Ethel Hawthorne Reg Hawthorne Vivian Henderson Gail Klarer Kenny So Ying Leung Nick Lutz Eleanor MacQueen Merv Magus Regina Ogmundson Hugh Robertson Norm Sandercock Bernice Wiseman	<b>2005 (18)</b> Marilyn Cooper Linda Corrin Bill Corson Frances Dickson Diane Dobie Begum Ebrahim Kate Evans Theresa Johannsen Patrick Johnson Allan Joyce Vicki Kreuzer Irene Kyle Larry Lynn Fergus McCann Pearl Price Josie Romero Gloria Tom Wing Staudt Gail Yip	<b>2007 (20)</b> Jennifer Alchison Pushpa Cheema Donna Dawson Eman Elmasri Barbara (Barb) Harris Gregg Harris Jon Hernandez Mary Hernandez Mary Horton Rainy Kent Rehman Lalji Aly Lalji Elizabeth (Liz) McEwan Wanda Mulholland Susan Papadionissiou Patrice Pratt John Speckman Pak-Kwan Tam Chiu-Lin Tam Margaret Widmer	<b>2009 (13)</b> Stella Castillo Merrilyn Cook Sidney Cumbers Keanna Driedger Sharon Freeman Fatehali Jetha Jack Kuyar Tammy Ozero Wanley Poh Deepak Prasad Wendell Ratcliffe Mohammed I. Shamsi Millie Wylie	<b>2012 (8)</b> Karen Corcoran Thea Juett Maria Motta Vivian Pinter Michael Raynor Linda Saunders Tanaya Shaw Marilena (Marilyn) Soligo
<b>1999 (14)</b> Georgie Cole Marjorie Deschner Gloria Inglis Effie Kennedy Erna Kozak Marion Krause Nick Kvenich George McLean Scott Robertson Ken Ryan Rudy Spense Don Steen Barbara Stewart Tim Zimich	<b>2003 (20)</b> Jeannette Aadland Keith Beedie Gladys Brundrett Parvin Chami Gillian Chan Paul Colvin John DeForest Jeanne Fike Maureen Francois Ruth Gautschi Lina Hu Pak Wing Kan Carol La Croix Jay McGarva Rajinder Pandher Eric Seto Norman Song Margaret Van Soest Greg van Euw Deb Yaschuk			<b>2013 (8)</b> Verna Adamson Georgette Leduc Dr. Carol Matusicky Guishan Megil Verlma Pallen Larry Smith Ken Tunnicliffe Melanie Walkus	<b>2014 (10)</b> Farida Bano Ali Flavia Crema Ernest Maitland Ceilidh Millar Teresa Morton Susan Nugent Carol Rush Arlene Sawchuck Yun-Ik Schallert Peggy Woodruff
<b>2000 (11)</b> Mark Angelo Lillian Chalmers Glenice English Phillip Henderson Grace Jo Les Lee Lowe Barbara Lussier Tony Mauro Doreen Player Joyce Rosteron Carol Roycroft				<b>2010 (10)</b> Jonathan Van Aggelen Ray Allen Elsie Dean David Gates Shirley Hill Darlene James Carole Kaye Kathy Tietjen Tony Tsang Violet Zaytsoff	<b>2015 (8)</b> George Doering Janice Froese Aliya Jiwa Maureen Kirk Lindy McQueen Heather Podrow Clare Stegen Tony Wong