



Planning and Building Department

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: CHAIR AND MEMBERS
SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

DATE: 2016 September 8

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

FILE: 1450 01

Reference: Local Heroes

SUBJECT: YOUTH VOLUNTEERISM RECOGNITION

At its meeting on 2016 June 01, the Social Planning Committee received a copy of the Closed Committee report entitled, "2016 Local Hero Nominees." Staff provided an overview of the report at the meeting. After discussion, the Committee moved that staff investigate the feasibility of a youth hero award in conjunction with the Local Hero Awards or during Youth Week. The following information is provided in response to Committee's request.

AWARD PROGRAMS

The City has two established programs to recognize youth heroes who have demonstrated significant volunteer contributions in Burnaby. Nominations for both awards programs are received from the community. The two programs are outlined below:

Local Hero Awards


The Local Hero Awards were established 20 years ago. Both adults and youth are eligible to be nominated for a Local Hero Award under the current program. The adopted eligibility criteria consider nominees who have demonstrated a minimum of five years of volunteer experience in Burnaby in a minimum of two different activities. Given these criteria, special consideration may be given to nominated youth whose volunteer experience may fall slightly short of the minimum of 5 years of volunteer experience due to their young age. An example of this is an award submission for a youth who has five years of volunteer experience with one activity, but only four years with a second activity being considered for 2016.

Youth Week Citizenship Awards

During annual Youth Week activities in the first week of May, the City recognizes youth volunteers in Burnaby with the Youth Citizenship Awards. Youth, 18 years and under, who have made an important contribution to Burnaby may be nominated for a Youth Citizenship Award. These awards are presented annually at a City Council meeting during B.C. Youth Week. All nominated individuals are recognized by the Mayor and presented with a Citizenship Certificate.

The top five nominees each year are also awarded a \$100 bursary. In 2016, 21 Burnaby youth were recognized with Citizenship Certificates from the Mayor.

Staff consider that the above two programs provide appropriate opportunities for community members and the City to recognize the volunteer contributions of Burnaby youth.



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