
TO: MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS **DATE:** 2017 March 28

FROM: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT 2410-20
SUB-COMMITTEE (AWARD SELECTION)

**SUBJECT: 2016 OUTSTANDING CITIZENS OF THE YEAR
JIM & LINDY MCQUEEN**

PURPOSE: To announce the presentation of the 2016 Citizens of the Year Award to Jim and Lindy McQueen at the annual City Appreciation Dinner to be held on 2017 May 05.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

REPORT

Burnaby City Council, at the Closed Council meeting held on 2017 March 27, received and adopted a report from the Financial Management Sub-Committee (Award Selection) recommending that Mr. Jim McQueen and Ms. Lindy McQueen be awarded the Kushiro Cup for 2016 Outstanding Citizens of the Year. Jim and Lindy have been chosen for this award for their active volunteerism and support of Burnaby's citizens.

Jim and Lindy started volunteering upon their retirement in 2006 at the Gordon Presbyterian Church. Since then, they have donated thousands of hours to various organizations and events in Burnaby including the Edmonds City Fair & Classic Car Show, the Festival of Lights, Burnaby Seniors' Games, Taekwondo World Championships, the Community Policing Advisory Committee, the Edmonds People in Community Residents Association (EPIC) Community Garden, and Edmonds Bike Fair. They have also used their own funds to buy food and other goods for people in need in Burnaby. For example, they regularly provide healthy snacks and drinks to the KRIB (Kids Recreating in Burnaby) Youth Centre on a weekly basis.

Their volunteer activities are as diverse as their skills, and they are lending their expertise to annual community and major City of Burnaby events. They also participate in many ongoing volunteer activities, such as: the Southeast District Community Policing Advisory Committee, Welcoming Seniors Spaces, Morley Elementary School and EPIC.

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Lindy is a lifelong resident of Burnaby and a retired office administrator. Since retiring, Lindy has become heavily involved as a volunteer in 15 different volunteer events or organizations in Burnaby. Lindy was the Chairperson of the Southeast District Community Policing Advisory Committee from 2011 to 2016. In 2013, Lindy and Jim co-founded and organized EPIC, a residents' organization in the Edmonds area that provides local activities and involvement opportunities for neighbours to come together. Events organized by EPIC have included community gardens and outdoor music festivals.

Jim has been a resident of Burnaby for the past 34 years and has volunteered with 19 events or organizations. When he retired, he set about to make his community a better place to live by volunteering. Jim shines in events that use his food industry skill. Whether as volunteer cook in the Salvation Army Outreach Meals Program, or at the weekly Homeless Outreach Centre at South Side Community Church, Jim prepares meals, soups and snacks for the homeless and others in need. Jim is the first one to arrive and the last to leave.

In 2011, Jim received a "Local Hero Award" from the City of Burnaby for his volunteerism and was recognized by Metrotown Rotary with the "Paul Harris Award" for "*his excellent contribution to the community, his many acts of kindness and generosity of his time towards all non-profit organizations*".

Lindy and Jim still manage to have fun and really enjoy their volunteer activities. This is never more evident than when Jim dresses up in an authentic Santa Claus costume, and Lindy dresses up as Mrs. Claus during the holiday season. They do this for all age groups and are a big attraction wherever they go, be it at Morley Elementary School, the Festival of Lights, or the Homeless Outreach Christmas Event.

The Financial Management Sub-Committee (Award Selection) agrees that Mr. Jim McQueen and Ms. Lindy McQueen are truly worthy of receiving the honour of "2016 Citizens of the Year" and recommends this award be presented to Jim and Lindy at the annual City Appreciation Dinner to be held on Friday, 2017 May 05.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Dan Johnston
Chair

Councillor Colleen Jordan
Vice Chair

Copied to: City Manager