

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

SUBJECT: 2018 LOCAL HERO NOMINEES

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council receive this report for information.

REPORT

The Financial Management Committee submitted a report to the Closed meeting of Council held on 2018 July 23, recommending individuals for receipt of the 2018 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 D. Johnston
Chair

Councillor C. Jordan
Vice Chair

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TO: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE **DATE:** 2018 July 04

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING **FILE:** 1450 01
Reference: *Local Heroes*

SUBJECT: 2018 LOCAL HERO NOMINEES

PURPOSE: To recommend individuals for receipt of 2018 Local Hero Awards and to seek funding approval for the 2019 Local Hero Award Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the Committee request Council to:
 - a. Approve the nominations of the following individuals for receipt of Burnaby Local Hero Awards in 2018:
 - i. Susan Anthony
 - ii. Rosemary Cooke
 - iii. Jane Lee
 - b. Invite approved nominees to the 2018 October 01 Council meeting to be presented with their Local Hero Award certificates of recognition.
 - c. Approve expenditures of up to \$3,000 from the 2019 Boards, Committees and Commissions budget for printing and advertising costs for the 2019 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 261 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 2018 Local Hero Awards through advertisements in local newspapers, the City website, the City's social media channels (e.g., City Facebook page and Twitter account), and community networks (e.g. Burnaby Interagency Council¹). 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 2018 February and the deadline for submitting nominations was 2018 April 20. As per a long-established practice, staff reviewed the submitted nominations and developed a shortlist of nominees who met the selection criteria for Committee consideration.

As stated in the eligibility guidelines established by the Social Planning 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.

After reviewing the submissions in accordance with the established criteria, the following nominees are proposed for 2018 Local Hero Awards.

Susan Anthony

Susan has been a committed advocate for accessibility and inclusion, particularly for persons with disabilities. She has been a Board member of the Burnaby Association for Community Inclusion (BACI) since 2006, serving as Vice President of the Board from 2009-2012. She served as a volunteer Co-Chair of the Simon Fraser Community Living Council and on BACI's Quality Assurance and Advocacy Committees. For the past two years, Susan has also volunteered as a member of the Burnaby Access Advisory Committee. As Susan's nominators note: "*Susan Anthony has distinguished herself as a steadfast and powerful advocate for people with disabilities. She continues to add her voice to the anthem of equality she spent a life time composing. We at the Burnaby Association for Community Inclusion are blessed to have Susan as our neighbour, supporter and dedicated advocate.*"

Rosemary Cooke

Rosemary has been an active volunteer in Burnaby for many years in the community. For almost five years she has volunteered at Burnaby Association for the South East Side (BASES) helping to sort and price donated items at the BASES Thrift Store. For the past nine years, Rosemary has been involved with the Edmonds Seniors' Centre volunteering as a Board member for five years and assisting with Healthwatch, a weekly wellness program for seniors, for eight years. Rosemary's varied volunteerism in Burnaby also includes serving on the Board of the

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

Community Centred College for the Retired for 12 years, assisting with restoration of the Interurban at Burnaby Village Museum, and volunteering at the following sporting events when in Burnaby: BC Summer Games, BC Senior Games, and BC Disability Games. As Rosemary's nominators describe: *"Rosemary has continually volunteered in Burnaby for over 20 years in so many different capacities. Her commitment to volunteer has found her doing everything from stripping and varnishing for the Burnaby Village Museum to writing and researching for the "History of Burnaby Schools" book. She commits her time and energy to promote the betterment of life in Burnaby, leading by example for the rest of the citizens of our fair city."*

Jane Lee

For over two decades, Jane has been an active volunteer focusing on the needs of seniors in Burnaby. Utilizing her Cantonese speaking abilities, she has helped increase communication between Citizen Support Services and Burnaby's Cantonese speaking seniors. She also volunteers as a hostess at the weekly lunch program at Confederation Centre. Jane has offered life skills development with newcomers to Canada and provided translation services for medical appointments through her volunteer work with SUCCESS. She also has 15 years of volunteer experience with Burnaby Fall Prevention Society and 10 years as an active member of Voices of Burnaby Seniors. Jane's nominators explain: *"Jane is someone who will always help if you call her, despite her own health challenges. She is a very deserving recipient of a Local Hero Award."*

3.0 ASSESSMENT

Based on the established selection criteria, the foregoing three 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 RECOMMENDATIONS

2018 marks the twenty-second 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.

It is recommended that the Committee request Council to approve the nomination of the following individuals for receipt of Burnaby Local Hero Awards in 2018:

1. Susan Anthony
2. Rosemary Cooke
3. Jane Lee

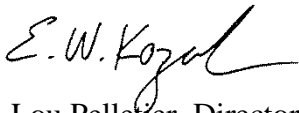
It is further recommended that the Committee request Council to invite approved nominees to the 2018 October 01 Council meeting to be presented with certificates of recognition. After the

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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 2019 Local Hero Award program. Staff will also work to align 2019 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.

The Financial Management Committee approved the recommendation and the report was advanced to Closed Council for adoption. The successful nominees will be notified, and the awards presented at the 2018 October 01 Council meeting.



Lou Pelletier, Director
PLANNING AND BUILDING

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Attachment

cc: City Manager
Director Corporate Services
City Clerk

APPENDIX 1
LOCAL HEROES 1997 - 2017

1997 (7)	Barbara Brady Don Brown Beth Chobotuck Don Copan Edie Fisher Maddie Greenlay Barb Peabody	2001 (11)	Roxy Abernethy Beverly Adams Tracie Buzza Dennis Baker Joane Carne Paulene Hall Christina Lupien Judi Marshall Louise Towell Sandy Twinn Marguerite Wallace	2004 (20)	Joy Ayers Hakam Bhaloo Olive Fera Gino Fera Sandra Fesluk Gillian Gallson Lois Godfrey Helen Hamilton Joanna Illerbrun Michelle Leong John McQuade Shirely Mortimer Kevan Oxley Lou Ryan Harminder Saghera Liza Shoda Carolyn Sindlair Tom Stewart Lisa Thomson Lisa Wong	2014 (10)	Keanna Driedger Sharon Freeman Fatehali Jetha Jack Kuyar Tammy Ozero Wanley Poh Deepak Prasad Wendell Ratcliffe Mohammed I. Shamsi Millie Wylie	2017 (6)	Tazul Ali Joe Gallo Giovanna Lore Delmar Rens Daniella Revitt Bernie Richter		
1998 (9)	Ray Abernethy Allison Dalgleish Bharti Envik Lilac Jung Faye Ku Ruth Loland Anita Loy Melody Marbach Sharon Mudrakoff	2002 (19)	Elizabeth Briemberg Steve Cairns Millie 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 Ogrmundson Hugh Robertson Norm Sandercock Bernice Wiseman	2007 (20)	Jennifer Atchison 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	2010 (10)	Jonathan Van Aggelen Ray Allen Elsie Dean David Gates Shirley Hill Darlene James Carole Kaye Kathy Tietjen Tony Tsang Violet Zaytsoff	2015 (8)	George Doering Janice Froese Aliya Jiwa Maureen Kirk Lindy McQueen Heather Podrow Clare Stegen Tony Wong	2016 (4)	Khalid Boudreau Hazel Caley Brenda Felker Annette Vowles
1999 (14)	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	2003 (20)	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 Yashchuk	2008 (19)	Grace Mui 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	2011 (7)	Darlene Gering Stephen Hughes Vicky Ma Raymond McKay Jim McQueen Sonja Purewal Nellie Wong	2012 (8)	Karen Corcoran Thea Juett Maria Motta Vivian Pinter Michael Raynor Linda Saunders Tanaya Shaw Marilena (Marilyn) Soligo	2013 (8)	Verna Adamson Georgette Leduc Dr. Carol Matusicky Gulshan Megji Verlma Pallen Larry Smith Ken Tunnicliffe Melanie Walkus
2000 (11)	Mark Angelo Lillian Chalmers Glenice English Philip Henderson Grace Jo Les Lee Lowe Barbara Lussier Tony Mauro Doreen Player Joyce Rosteron Carol Roycroft	2005 (18)	Marilyn Cooper Linda Corrin Bill Corson Frances Dickson Diane Dobie Begum Ebrahim Kate Evans Theresa Johansen Patrick Johnson Allan Joyce Vicki Kreuzer Irene Kyle Larry Lynn Fergus McCann Pearl Price Josie Romero Gloria Tom Wing Staudt Gail Yip	2006 (19)	Amanda van Aggelen Pat Beaucamp Delia Benig Ardell Louise Brophy-Fitzpatrick Alia Chatur Bonnie Davies Liz Dill Doreen George Rhodora Horgan Gerry Juzenas Margaret Koster Jim Lawrence	2009 (13)	Stella Castillo Merrilyn Cook Sidney Cumbers				