

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

SUBJECT: **KUSHIRO CUP AWARD
2022 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT this report be received for information

REPORT**INTRODUCTION**

Each year, the City of Burnaby presents the Kushiro Cup to its Outstanding Citizen of the Year. The Cup was presented to the City of Burnaby by its Sister City, Kushiro, Japan, in 1982.

A call for nominations for Burnaby's 2022 Outstanding Citizen of the Year award was made in January through advertisements in the Burnaby NOW newspaper, the City's website, Twitter account and Facebook page, and direct emails to City employees and non-profit agencies.

The Executive Committee of Council, at its Closed meeting held on March 01, 2023, received and reviewed nominations that were submitted by community members.

Council, at its Closed meeting of March 13, 2023, adopted the recommendations of the Executive Committee and recommended Dennis Baker as the 2022 Outstanding Citizen of the Year. This report is provided for public information.

POLICY

The Kushiro Cup Award aligns with and is supported by the following Council-adopted policies and plans/strategies: *Equity Policy (2020)*, *Corporate Strategic Plan (2022)* and the *Social Sustainability Strategy (2011)*.

To: His Worship, the Mayor and Councillors
From: Executive Committee of Council
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2022 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Dennis Baker has been chosen as the Kushiro Cup recipient and 2022 Outstanding Citizen of the Year for his dedication and commitment to the community.

Dennis has been a volunteer with the Burnaby Lions Club for over 35 years and has assisted the club with many fundraisers. In addition to this volunteer work, for the past 17 years Dennis has been fixing up discarded bikes and donating them to the Burnaby Christmas Bureau. Dennis spends 40-50 hours a week working on bikes and says he has the self-satisfaction of knowing that his time spent will make kids happy. It is this type of selfless volunteerism and community connection that the Kushiro Cup is all about.

Dennis's nominees note that he provided 137 bikes to the Christmas Bureau last year. Dennis is retired, but at 85 years old he is finding ways to contribute to the community through his passion for fixing bikes.

Council agrees with the nominators Lucia and Sorin Silivestru and is pleased to honour Dennis Baker as the City of Burnaby's "2022 Outstanding Citizen of the Year".

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Dhaliwal
Chair

Councillor R. Lee
Vice Chair