

TO: MAYOR & COUNCILLORS

FROM: COUNCILLOR SANTIAGO

SUBJECT: SOCIAL CHANGE AWARDS

PURPOSE: To establish Social Change Awards at the City of Burnaby.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT staff be directed to look at establishing a Social Change Awards with a list of categories similar to the Environmental Awards.

BACKGROUND

At the November 15, 2023 Social Planning Committee meeting, a discussion was held regarding the establishment of Social Change awards for the City of Burnaby. As the City of Burnaby has several awards and community recognition initiatives including the Kushiro Cup, Local Heroes awards, Environmental Awards, and Youth Week Citizenship Awards, Resident Representative Lubendo and Councillor Santiago identified a potential gap in recognizing local groups and residents for their work towards advancing social change in Burnaby. It was brought up that these potential Social Change awards could be directed under the Terms of Reference of the Social Planning Committee similar to the Environmental Awards and the Environment Committee.

Due to the discussion being held near the end of the meeting, the Social Planning Committee voted for the discussion to go through the official notice of motion process through the City of Burnaby and to be formally submitted at the January 24, 2024 meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

The financial impacts of this motion would include similar annual costs to the existing Environmental Awards and any work by city staff in preparing the necessary administrative processes to officially establish the Social Change Awards.

Respectfully submitted,

COUNCILLOR SANTIAGO