Pixie McGeachie served as Burnaby’s community archivist for more than two decades. A resident of Burnaby for over sixty years, she was the editor for the Burnaby Examiner newspaper and wrote a column entitled “Burnaby History” for The News. In 1974 she authored her first book titled “Bygones of Burnaby” which was one of the first to develop anecdotal stories about pioneer life in Burnaby. She authored “Burnaby - A Proud Century” in 1992 and in 2002 she wrote a biography of the city’s namesake in the book “Land of Promise: Robert Burnaby’s letters from Colonial B.C.”

Pixie also contributed many hours of volunteering in helping to establish Burnaby’s first museum, Heritage Village, acting as President of the Burnaby Historical Society and serving a six year term on Burnaby’s Heritage Commission leading the charge to preserve many historic sites throughout the city. During her twenty years as the Community Archives volunteer archivist for the historical society, she succeeded in gathering thousands of rare and valuable historic photographs and documents which now forms the core of the photograph collection on the Heritage Burnaby website as these items were donated by the Society to the City Archives in 2007.

The City of Burnaby awarded Pixie McGeachie the Kushiro Cup as Citizen of the Year in 2002. In 2006 she received a Heritage BC project award for leading the Friends of Interurban 1223 project, and in 2008 Heritage BC recognised her again by presenting her with the Ruby Nobb Award.

The residents of Burnaby suffered a great loss when Pixie McGeachie passed away in August of 2010. On 24 September 2011, the City Archives Reading Room was named in Pixie’s honour in recognition of the contribution she made to the community in the preservation and promotion of its history and heritage.