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Council Policy

Freedom of the City Honour

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Guiding Principle

Freedom of the City honours those distinguished persons who have given exemplary service to their country and/or community.

Purpose

To provide criteria for conferring the Freedom of the City honour in recognition of outstanding effort(s) and/or contribution(s) by an individual.

Application

Outstanding contributions by an individual may be related to the arts, business and commerce, humanities, politics, community service, sports or professional endeavors.

Policy Statements

1. Council members wishing to confer upon an individual the honour of Freedom of the City will require the unanimous vote of Council.
2. In conferring the honour of Freedom of the City, Council will identify an appropriate venue for public presentation.
3. A person conferred with Freedom of the City is deemed to be an elector of Kelowna and as such is eligible to vote in an election for Mayor or Councillor.
4. A person conferred with Freedom of the City will receive the following:
 - a. An invitation to the Civic & Community Awards and Inaugural Meetings of Council;
 - b. A lifetime City of Kelowna transit pass;
 - c. A lifetime City of Kelowna parking pass for on-street parking and City-owned parking facilities; as well as a life-time short-term parking pass for the Kelowna International Airport (YLW);
 - d. A framed Freedom of the City Honour certificate, and
 - e. A portrait sitting - the portrait to be displayed in City Hall, with a digital copy of the portrait provided to the recipient.
5. No benefits provided to a person conferred with Freedom of the City can be bequeathed or transferred.

Amendments

July 26, 1988 – R1074/88 – Council Policy 56 introduced
 June 25, 2001 – R531/01/06/25 – replaces Council Policy 56
 April 26, 2010 – R375/10/04/26 – Policy library review, housekeeping amendments