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Council Policy

CIVIC & COMMUNITY AWARDS

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Contact Department: Active Living & Culture

Guiding Principle

Since 1974, the City of Kelowna has formally recognized the outstanding achievements and contributions of citizens through the annual Civic & Community Awards program. This celebration showcases the variety of talent and volunteerism in our community that contributes to the vibrancy of Kelowna.

Purpose

To provide clarity and consistency in the establishment of award criteria and management of the annual awards distributed by the City through the Civic & Community Awards program.

Application

This policy includes the determination of award categories and eligibility criteria, as well as oversight and management of the annual Civic & Community Awards program.

Policy Statements

1. Up to three finalists will be recognized in the following award categories:
 - a. Bob Giordano Memorial Award
 - Awarded to an individual who has contributed significantly to the city of Kelowna through voluntary service to amateur sport, such as coaching or administrative support.
 - b. Bryan Couling Memorial Award
 - Awarded to the Kelowna based team (amateur or professional) who brought the greatest amount of recognition to the city of Kelowna.
 - c. Male and Female Athlete of the Year
 - Awarded to the female and male athletes (amateur or professional) who brought the greatest amount of recognition to the city of Kelowna.
 - d. Augie Ciancone Memorial Awards
 - Awarded to the most outstanding female and male high school athletes in the Central Okanagan.
 - e. Young Citizen of the Year
 - Awarded to a young citizen in recognition of their overall outstanding voluntary contributions to the city of Kelowna.
 - f. Fred Macklin and Sarah Donald-Treadgold Memorial Citizen of the Year
 - Awarded to a citizen in recognition of their overall outstanding voluntary contributions to the city of Kelowna.
 - g. Champion for the Environment
 - Awarded to an individual or business whose actions and achievements have shown outstanding environmental leadership or innovative environmental contributions, having direct benefit on the city of Kelowna.
 - h. Corporate Community of the Year
 - Awarded to a business in recognition of their overall outstanding contributions to the community through initiatives, employee volunteerism and financial or in-kind donations, with direct benefit on the city of Kelowna.
 - i. Central Okanagan Foundation Volunteer Organization of the Year
 - Awarded to a volunteer organization that has provided outstanding community services with direct benefits to the city of Kelowna.
 - j. Teen Honour in the Arts Award
 - Awarded to a youth who has made outstanding contributions to the city of Kelowna through cultural and artistic efforts.
 - k. Honour in the Arts Award
 - Awarded to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the city of Kelowna through cultural and artistic efforts.

- I. Anita Tozer Memorial Award
 - Awarded by Council to an individual or group in recognition of an extraordinary and positive contribution to the quality of life in Kelowna.
2. Council must approve all amendments to award categories.
3. Award eligibility is subject to the following criteria:
 - a. Nominees cannot be a current elected official
 - b. Nominees can be nominated in multiple categories if they are eligible
 - c. Award recipients can be nominated for the same award in consecutive years
 - d. Nominees can reside outside of Kelowna if the nomination package focuses only on contributions made to the city of Kelowna
 - e. City staff are eligible to be nominated if their contributions are relevant to an award category and is outside of their city work
 - f. Posthumous nominations will be accepted
4. Naming of Awards “In Memory” of Individual Citizens are subject to the following criteria:
 - a. The individual must be deceased
 - b. The next of kin agrees with the award being named after the individual
 - c. There is evidence of broad support from the community to honour this individual
 - d. The individual has provided outstanding service in a significantly tangible way to the community
 - e. The service of the individual has had a direct benefit on Kelowna residents and the city of Kelowna
 - f. The individual must not have personally profited from their activities, nor should their contributions be considered part of their normal employment situation
5. Council will establish a Civic & Community Awards Steering Committee as an advisory committee of Council to oversee the annual awards program, and report to Council on key activities and dates within the program’s timeline.
6. The Active Living & Culture Division will administer and manage the ongoing Civic & Community Awards program, including all planning, budgeting and operating activities.

Amendments

04Nov R#XXXXXXX - rescinded Council Policy No.256 – “Naming of City of Kelowna Awards “In Memory” of Individual Citizens”
04Nov R#XXXXXXX – established Council Policy No.382 – “Civic & Community Awards”