

# Report to Council



**Date:** December 9, 2019  
**To:** Council  
**From:** City Manager  
**Subject:** Civic & Community Awards Nomination Period  
**Department:** Active Living & Culture

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## **Recommendation:**

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from Active Living & Culture, dated December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, that announces the opening of the nomination period for the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Civic & Community Awards, including an outline of award categories for the program.

## **Purpose:**

To announce the opening of the nomination period for the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Civic & Community Awards.

## **Background:**

The City of Kelowna's Annual Civic & Community Awards recognize the outstanding achievements and contributions made in the city of Kelowna each year. The program includes 13 awards that honour volunteers, artists, athletes, environmentalists and businesses. Up to three finalists are selected in each category, with one recipient being announced during the awards ceremony.

The awards are overseen by a Steering Committee made up of members of the community and a representative from City Council. The Steering Committee provides direction to four sub-committees and two supporting organizations which assist in the operations of the awards program.

A call for steering committee applications closed on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and the new steering committee was approved by Council for a four-year term on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Membership of the Steering Committee includes: Adam Schubel, Bob Burge, Dan Rogers, Ellen Boelcke, Karen Graham, Lorraine Ewonus-Ellert, Wayne Moore and Councillor Ryan Donn. The elected Chair of the Steering Committee is Ellen Boelcke and Karen Graham is the Nominating Committee Chair.

## **Discussion:**

The nomination period for the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Civic & Community Awards commences on Monday December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and will remain open until Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Criteria for all categories and nomination forms are available on the city website at [kelowna.ca/civicawards](http://kelowna.ca/civicawards).

The nomination forms may be submitted via email or printed and delivered in person to either Parkinson Recreation Centre or City Hall.

Other award categories that are part of the annual event but are not part of this nomination call include the Anita Tozer Memorial Award which is selected by City Council and the Augie Ciancone Memorial Award which recognizes the top male and female high school athletes as selected through the Okanagan Central Schools Athletic Association.

As endorsed by Council on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the Civic & Community Awards have become more inclusive and streamlined as a result of combining some of the existing categories. The revised award categories include establishing gender neutral awards for the citizen volunteer categories and simplifying categories where confusion surrounded the nomination process. The updated categories, criteria and recipients from the 44<sup>th</sup> annual Civic & Community Awards (latest award winners) are included below:

Category	Criteria	2018 Recipient
<b>Teen Honour in the Arts and Honour in the Arts</b>	Awarded to an adult and youth who have made outstanding contributions to Kelowna through cultural and/or artistic efforts.	<b>Teen Honour: Annette Bakala</b>  <b>Honour: Ryan Grenier</b>
<b>Young Citizen of the Year *</b>	Awarded to a young male or female in recognition of their overall outstanding voluntary contributions to Kelowna.	<b>Young Male Volunteer: Matthew Richardson</b>  <b>Young Female Volunteer: Keneisha Charles</b>
<b>Citizen of the Year *</b>	Awarded to a man or woman in recognition of their overall outstanding voluntary contributions to the city of Kelowna.	<b>Fred Macklin Memorial Man of the Year: Giuseppe (Joe) Iafrancesco (1947-2018)</b>  <b>Sarah Donalda Treadgold Memorial Woman of the Year: Angie Lohr</b>
<b>Bob Giordano Memorial Award</b>  <b>Coach or Sport Administrator of the Year</b>	Awarded to an individual who has contributed significantly to Kelowna through voluntary service to amateur sport, such as coaching or administrative support.	<b>Devin Rubadeau</b>

<b>Bryan Couling Memorial Athletic Team of the Year</b>	Awarded to the Kelowna based team (amateur or professional) who brought the greatest amount of recognition to Kelowna.	<b>Kelowna Ringette U16A Elite</b>
<b>Male and Female Athlete of the Year</b>	Awarded to the athlete (amateur or professional) who brought the greatest amount of recognition to Kelowna.	<b>Female Athlete: Kelsey Serwa</b> <b>Male Athlete: Fynnian McCarthy</b>
<b>Champion for the Environment *</b>	Awarded to an individual or business whose actions and achievements have shown outstanding environmental leadership or innovative contributions having a direct benefit on the city of Kelowna.	<b>Gwen Steele</b>
<b>Corporate Community of the Year *</b>	Awarded to the Kelowna businesses that has provided outstanding support for employee volunteerism in addition to financial contributions and initiatives having a direct benefit on the city of Kelowna.	<b>Small Business: Secure-Rite Mobile Storage Inc.</b> <b>Medium/Large Business: Raymond James - Corporate Branch</b>
<b>The Central Okanagan Foundation Volunteer Organization of the Year</b>	Awarded to a Kelowna volunteer organization that has provided outstanding community services with direct benefits to the city of Kelowna.	<b>Helping Out People Exploited (HOPE) Outreach</b>
<b>Augie Ciancone Memorial Award</b>  (not part of this call for nominations)	Most outstanding male and female high school athlete of the year, in the area of the Central Okanagan.	<b>Female Athlete: Lonica McKinney</b> <b>Male Athlete: Brandon Frechette</b>
<b>Anita Tozer Memorial</b>  (not part of this call for nominations)	Awarded by Council to an individual or group in recognition of an extraordinary and positive contribution to the quality of life in Kelowna.	<b>The Journey Home Taskforce</b>
<b>* Denotes newly revised award category</b>		

#### **Conclusion:**

The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards night recognizing individuals and businesses who made extraordinary contributions in 2019 will be held on Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at the Rotary Centre for the Arts. The

private Mayor's Reception event will take place prior to the awards night and provides an opportunity for Mayor and Council to honour each finalist with a special plaque from the city.

Each year the award recipients are further recognized at Jim Stuart Park, with their names on an individual name plate.

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**Considerations applicable to this report:**

Existing Policy: Council Policy 382

**Considerations not applicable to this report:**

*Legal/Statutory Authority:*

*Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:*

*Financial/Budgetary Considerations:*

*External Agency/Public Comments:*

*Communications Comments:*

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