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Council Policy

Freedom of the Municipality (City) Award

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RESOLUTION: R375/10/04/26
 REPLACING: R531/01/06/25; R1074/1988/07/26; Policy No. 56
 DATE OF LAST REVIEW: April 2010

1. Council may from time to time honour a distinguished person by unanimous vote of the Council members conferring the Freedom of the Municipality on that person, the award to be called "Freedom of the City".
2. In conferring the honour, Council will identify an appropriate venue for public presentation.
3. The main purpose of the distinguished honour of Freedom of the City shall be to recognize the outstanding effort of an individual who has given exemplary service and/or recognition to his/her country and/or the community. Outstanding contributions may be related to the arts, business and commerce, humanities, politics, community service, sports or professional endeavors.
4. The person receiving Freedom of the City is, during the pleasure of Council, deemed to be an elector of the municipality and as such is eligible to be registered and to vote in an election for Mayor or Councilor. If the person is a Canadian citizen, he/she is deemed to be qualified to be nominated, be elected and hold the office of Mayor of the municipality.
5. The person conferred with Freedom of the City will receive the following:
 - an invitation to all City-initiated events
 - a lifetime transit pass
 - a lifetime parking pass (free on-street parking and in City-owned parking facilities)
 - a professionally drafted and framed certificate
 - a portrait sitting – the portrait will be displayed in City Hall and he/she will receive a portrait to keep.
6. Benefits conferred cannot be bequeathed nor transferred.

REASON FOR POLICY

To provide criteria for conferring the honour of Freedom of the City to an individual.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Community Charter

PROCEDURE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Requires a unanimous vote of the Council members conferring the award of Freedom of the City on the individual.