

Report to Council



Date: December 7, 2020
To: Council
From: City Manager
Subject: Civic & Community Awards Nomination Period
Department: Active Living & Culture

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from Active Living & Culture, dated December 7th, 2020, that announces the opening of the nomination period for the 46th Annual Civic & Community Awards, including an outline of award categories for the program.

Purpose:

To announce the opening of the nomination period for the 46th Annual Civic & Community Awards.

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 awarded.

The awards program is 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.

The current steering committee was approved by Council for a four-year term on November 4th, 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 46th Annual Civic & Community Awards commences on Monday December 7th, 2020 and will remain open until Friday, February 12th, 2021. Criteria for all categories and nomination forms are available on the city website at 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.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 2020 has been an unprecedented year that has challenged individuals and organizations in every sector of the community. The Civic & Community Awards is an opportunity to highlight and celebrate the resiliency and dedication of those members of the community who helped to navigate this challenging time. Similar to the 2019 awards program, the 2020 award announcements typically held in April as an evening gala will be adapted in light of the ongoing pandemic and associated restrictions around gatherings. While the exact format is still being determined, it is not likely to include an in-person celebration. Details will be confirmed in the coming months.

While some sectors were able to adapt and thrive during the pandemic, the sport sector was affected particularly hard, especially team-based and competitive sports. With physical distancing measures in place and restrictions around travel, major competitions were halted. With that in mind, while nominations will be accepted in the Male and Female Athlete of the Year and Athletic Team of the Year categories, they will be carried over to the 2021 awards program and combined with nominations from that year. Anticipating that the pandemic will continue well into 2021, it is expected that combining the two years will result in a typical number of nominations we would see for a one-year period. In addition, the Okanagan Central Schools Athletic Association (OCSAA) has confirmed that they will not be submitting any nominations or winners for the Augie Ciancone Memorial Awards for high school athletes for the 2020 program.

The Anita Tozer Memorial Award is also part of the Civic Awards program but is not part of this nomination call as the award recipient is selected by Mayor and Council.

The categories, criteria and recipients from the 45th annual Civic & Community Awards (latest award winners) are included below:

Category	Criteria	2019 Recipient
Teen Honour in the Arts and Honour in the Arts	Awarded to an adult and youth who have made outstanding contributions to Kelowna through cultural and/or artistic efforts.	Teen Arts: Sarah McIntyre Arts: Erin Scott
Young Citizen of the Year	Awarded to a young male or female in recognition of their overall outstanding voluntary contributions to Kelowna.	Abby Kiehlbauch
Citizen of the Year	Awarded to a man or woman in recognition of their overall outstanding voluntary contributions to the city of Kelowna.	Fred Macklin & Sarah Donald-Treadgold Memorial Award: Al Hildebrandt
Coach or Sport Administrator of the Year	Awarded to an individual who has contributed significantly to Kelowna through voluntary service to amateur sport, such as coaching or administrative support.	Bob Giordano Memorial Award: Darcy Rysz

Athletic Team of the Year*	Awarded to the Kelowna based team (amateur or professional) who brought the greatest amount of recognition to Kelowna.	Bryan Couling Memorial Award: KSS Owls AAAA Girls Volleyball Team
Male and Female Athlete of the Year*	Awarded to the athlete (amateur or professional) who brought the greatest amount of recognition to Kelowna.	Female Athlete: Madelyn Hettinga Male Athlete: Trevor Brigden
Champion for the Environment	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.	Operation Take Two
Corporate Community of the Year	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.	Avalon Rentals
The Central Okanagan Foundation Volunteer Organization of the Year	Awarded to a Kelowna volunteer organization that has provided outstanding community services with direct benefits to the city of Kelowna.	Project Literacy
Male and Female High School Athlete of the Year** (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.	Augie Ciancone Memorial Award: Female Athlete: Maelyn Hettinga Male Athlete: Roan McCarthy
Anita Tozer Memorial (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.	Randy Benson
* Nominations will be carried forward to the 2021 Civic & Community Awards ** OCSAA will not be putting forward any nominations or recipients for 2020		

Conclusion:

The 46th Annual Civic & Community Awards will be celebrating an unparalleled year of community resilience and commitment. It is of great importance in 2020 that we recognize individuals and businesses who made unique and courageous contributions in 2020. The Community & Civic Awards will provide Kelowna with an occasion and platform to reflect on how our citizens and community have shown strength, spirit and determination in a time of uncertainty.

Internal Circulation:

Active Living & Culture
Corporate Strategic Services

Considerations applicable to this report:

Existing Policy: Council Policy 382 – Civic & Community Awards

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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