

Report to Council



Date: April 4, 2022

To: Council

From: City Manager

Subject: 47th Annual Civic & Community Awards Finalist Announcement

Department: Active Living & Culture - Report prepared by Karley Glackmeyer

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from Active Living & Culture, dated April 4th, 2022, that announces the finalists for the 47th Annual Civic & Community Awards.

Purpose:

To announce Kelowna's 47th annual Civic & Community Awards finalists.

Background:

The City of Kelowna's annual Civic & Community Awards recognize the outstanding achievements and contributions made in our city 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.

Discussion:

The following categories will be awarded as part of the 47th annual awards:

- Bob Giordano Memorial Award – Coach or Sport Administrator of the Year
- Bryan Couling Memorial Award - Athletic Team of the Year
- Male and Female Athlete of the Year
- Augie Ciancone Memorial Award – Top Male & Female High School Athlete of the Year
- Teen Honour in the Arts
- Honour in the Arts
- Champion for the Environment
- Corporate Community of the Year
- The Central Okanagan Foundation - Volunteer Organization of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- The Fred Macklin & Sarah Donalda-Treadgold Memorial Award - Citizen of the Year
- Anital Tozer Memorial Award – selected by Mayor and Council

Two categories also have scholarship components, with finalists in the Young Citizen of the Year Award receiving scholarships from the Payton and Dillon Budd Memorial Fund Youth Scholarship, and the recipient of the Teen Honour in the Arts Award receiving an entrance scholarship to UBC Okanagan. This year, the sport categories will combine nominations from 2020 and 2021 due to limited opportunities for competition throughout the pandemic.

This year's celebration will include a return of a live event to celebrate the achievements of the finalists and announce the award winners in person. In addition, short videos highlighting the accomplishments of the finalists will be shared on the City's website, YouTube channel and featured via social media over the month of April to allow for broader community recognition.

Due to the inability to hold an in-person gala over the past two years, award recipients from 2019 and 2020 will also be invited to this year's event for a special presentation. Due to the smaller format and a higher volume of attendees from combining three years of award presentations, tickets will be distributed by invite only. All award nominees will receive tickets directly to allow for family and friends to attend.

Conclusion:

The 47th Annual Civic & Community Awards Night, to formally announce the award recipients for each category, will be held on Thursday April 28th, 2022, at the Laurel Packinghouse.

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

Internal Circulation:

Active Living & Culture
Community Communications

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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