

# Report to Council



**Date:** December 5, 2022  
**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 5, 2022, that announces the opening of the nomination period for the 48<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 48<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, environmental stewards, 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. 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 4, 2019. Membership of the Steering Committee includes Adam Schubel, Bob Burge, Dan Rogers, Ellen Boelcke, Karen Graham, Lorraine Ewonus, and Wayne Moore. The Chair of the Steering Committee is Ellen Boelcke and Karen Graham is the Nominating Committee Chair.

## **Discussion:**

The nomination period for the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Civic & Community Awards commences on Monday December 5, 2022, and will remain open until Friday, February 10, 2023. 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.

Similar to the 2021 awards, finalists will be announced through short videos and social media during the month of April and will conclude with a live awards presentation on April 20, 2023.

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 last year's recipients are included below:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>2021 Recipient</b>
<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 – Dryden Bennett Adult – Jennifer Money</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>David Withler</b>
<b>Fred Macklin and Sarah Donaldson-Treadgold Citizen of the Year</b>	Awarded to a citizen in recognition of their overall outstanding voluntary contributions to the city of Kelowna.	<b>Lloyd Nelson</b>
<b>Bob Giordano 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>Mike Sodaro</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>KSS Owls Boys Volleyball Team</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: Malindi Elmore Male Athlete: Jerome Blake</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>Don Dobson</b>

<b>Corporate Community of the Year</b>	Awarded to a Kelowna business 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>Kelowna Toyota</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>CMHA – Canadian Mental Health Association</b>
<b>Augie Ciancone Male and Female High School Athlete of the Year</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:</b> <b>Tatum Wade</b>  <b>Male Athlete:</b> <b>Nathan Loo - Tie</b> <b>Everett Schmuland - Tie</b>
<b>Anita Tozer Memorial Award</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>Edna Terbasket</b>

**Conclusion:**

The 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Civic & Community Awards will be celebrating another year of community resilience and commitment. It is of great importance that we recognize individuals and businesses who made unique and courageous contributions in 2022. The Community & Civic Awards provides Kelowna with an occasion and platform to reflect on how our citizens and community have shown strength, spirit and determination.

**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:*

Submitted by: M. Siggers, Community & Neighbourhood Services Manager

Approved for inclusion:

JG

cc: Corporate Strategic Services