

# Report to Council



**Date:** March 25, 2024  
**To:** City Manager  
**From:** Sport & Event Services  
**Subject:** 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Civic & Community Awards Finalist Announcement

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## **Recommendation:**

THAT Council receives for information, the report from Sport & Event Services, dated March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 announcing the finalists for the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Civic & Community Awards.

## **Purpose:**

To announce the finalists for the 49<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 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 49<sup>th</sup> 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
- Anita Tozer Memorial Award – selected by Mayor and Council

Two categories also have scholarship components, with recipients 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's celebration will include a gala event to celebrate the achievements of the finalists and award winners. In addition, short videos highlighting the finalists will be shared via social media over the month of April to allow for broader community recognition.

**Conclusion:**

The 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Civic & Community Awards Gala, to formally announce the award recipients for each category, will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at the Laurel Packinghouse. Tickets will be allocated to finalists, their friends and families, sponsors, Mayor and Council and special guests.

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

**Internal Circulation:**

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**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:

Consultation and Engagement:

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