

Report to Council



Date: December 2, 2024
To: Council
From: City Manager
Subject: Civic & Community Awards Nomination Period
Department: Sport & Event Services

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from Sport & Event Services, dated December 2, 2024, that announces the opening of the nomination period for the 50th Annual Civic & Community Awards, including an outline of award categories for the program.

Purpose:

To announce the opening of the nomination period for the 50th 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 and a liaison 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.

Discussion:

The 50th Annual Civic & Community Awards Celebration will take place on May 8, 2025 at the Delta Grand Hotel. The nomination period for this year's awards commences on Monday December 2, 2024, and will remain open until Friday, February 10, 2025. 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.

Finalists will be announced through traditional and social media avenues during the month of April and will conclude with a live awards presentation. Details will be confirmed in the coming months.

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:

Category	Criteria	2023 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 – Ben Anderson Adult – Stephen Jefferys
Young Citizen of the Year	Awarded to a young male or female in recognition of their overall outstanding voluntary contributions to Kelowna.	Tor Broughton
Fred Macklin & Sarah Donaldson-Treadgold Memorial Award - Citizen of the Year	Awarded to a citizen in recognition of their overall outstanding voluntary contributions to the city of Kelowna.	Milt Stevenson
Bob Giordano Memorial Award - 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.	Cheryl Browne
Bryan Couling Memorial Athletic Team of the Year	Awarded to the Kelowna based team (amateur or professional) who brought the greatest amount of recognition to Kelowna.	KSS Owls AAA Boys Volleyball
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: Malindi Elmore Male Athlete: Justin Towill
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.	Farming Karma Fruit Company

Corporate Community of the Year	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.	MNP
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.	Okanagan Forest Task Force
Augie Ciancone Memorial Award – Young Female Athlete and Young Male Athlete of the Year	Most outstanding male and female high school athlete of the year, in the area of the Central Okanagan.	Female Athlete: Emma Pinkerton Male Athlete: Nash Semeniuk
Anita Tozer Memorial <i>(bestowed by Mayor & Council)</i>	Awarded by Council to an individual or group in recognition of an extraordinary and positive contribution to the quality of life in Kelowna.	Barry Lapointe

Conclusion:

The 50th Annual Civic & Community Awards will be celebrating another year of community spirit and commitment. It is of great importance that we recognize individuals and businesses who made unique and courageous contributions in 2024. The Community & Civic Awards provides Kelowna with an occasion and platform to reflect on how our citizens and community have shown strength, resilience and determination.

Internal Circulation:

Active Living & Culture
Community Communications
City Clerk

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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