

Report to Council



Date: March 31, 2025
To: City Manager
From: Sport & Event Services
Subject: 50th Annual Civic and Community Awards Finalist Announcement

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives for information, the report from Sport & Event Services, dated March 31, 2025, announcing the finalists for the 50th Annual Civic & Community Awards.

Purpose:

To announce the finalists 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 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 50th 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.

In addition, the Volunteer Organization of the Year winner receives a \$3000 donation from the Central Okanagan Foundation.

This year's celebration will include a gala event to celebrate the achievements of the finalists and award winners.

Conclusion:

The 50th Annual Civic & Community Awards Gala, to formally announce the award recipients for each category, will be held on Thursday, May 8th, at the Delta Grand Hotel. Tickets will be allocated to finalists with additional tickets being available for purchase at a nominal fee.

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

Communications Comments:

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Existing Policy:

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

Consultation and Engagement:

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