

REPORT TO COUNCIL



Date: November 25, 2015

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To: City Manager

From: Civic & Community Awards Steering Committee

Subject: 41st Annual Civic & Community Awards, Nomination Period

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Civic & Community Awards Steering Committee dated November 25, 2015, which outlines the 41st Annual Civic & Community Award categories and nomination period.

Purpose:

To announce the nomination period for the 41st Annual Civic & Community Awards.

Background:

The City of Kelowna's Annual Civic & Community Awards is overseen by a Steering Committee made up of members of the community and a representative from City Council. The Steering Committee provides direction to three sub-committees including; Nomination Committee, Sports Committee and Selection Committees.

The awards ceremony and celebration is held in recognition of outstanding achievements and contributions that have had a direct benefit on the city of Kelowna.

The nomination period for the 41st Annual Civic & Community Awards commences on November 30, 2015 and remains open until Friday February 12, 2016.

Nomination forms and criteria for all categories are available on the City's website, with hard copy forms available at City Hall, the Parkinson Recreation Centre, and Libraries.

Nominations may be submitted on-line, by e-mail, or in person at the Parkinson Recreation Centre. Please visit kelowna.ca/residents for more information.

The addition of a scholarship was introduced last year for the Young Female and Young Male Volunteer of the Year award categories. The Dillon Thomas Budd Scholarship will be awarded to the male and female finalists following the awards night again this year.

Other award categories that are part of the annual event but are not part of this nomination call include the Anita Tozer Memorial Award which is selected by City Council and the Augie Ciancone Memorial Award which recognizes the top male and female high school athletes as selected through the Okanagan Central Schools Athletic Association.

The 41st annual awards night will be held on Wednesday April 27, 2016, at the Kelowna Community Theatre. The Mayor's Reception will again be held a week prior to the awards night, as an opportunity for Mayor and Council to honour each finalist with a special plaque from the City of Kelowna.

Each year the award recipients are further recognized at Jim Stuart Park, with their names on an individual name plate. At the conclusion of the next Civic Awards event the name plates are replaced with the current year's award recipients. The previous year's recipients will be contacted about receiving their plate as a keep-sake.

Award categories and 2014 recipients include:

Categories	2014 Recipients
Bob Giordano Memorial Award (Volunteer Coach/Sport Admin. of the Year)	Tom Maxwell
Bryan Couling Memorial Award, Athletic Team of the Year	The Okanagan Rockets, Major Midget Hockey Club
Male and Female Athlete of the Year Awards	Robbie Yochim and Kelsey Serwa
Young Male and Female Volunteer of the Year Awards	Nikolai Lesack and Thish Rajapakshe
Teen Honour and Honour in the Arts Awards	Anthony Knight and Jennifer Schell
Champion for the Environment Awards Individual and Business.	Casey Hamilton and 1-800-GOT-Junk
The Central Okanagan Foundation Volunteer Organization of the Year Award	United Way of the Central and South Okanagan Similkameen
Sarah Donalda Treadgold Memorial Award, Woman of the Year and the Fred Macklin Memorial Award, Man of the Year	Meryle Corbett and David Krysko
Corporate Community of the Year Awards, Small to Medium and Large Businesses.	Wentworth Music and Save on Foods
Augie Ciancone Memorial Awards (Male and Female Student Athletes)	Emma Johnson and Jeff Tubbs
Anita Tozer Memorial Award (bestowed by City Council)	Arion Therapeutic Farms

Internal Circulation: Divisional Director, Active Living and Culture; Communications Advisor, Communications & Information Services

Communications Comments:

Communications will distribute news releases.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority

Legal/statutory Procedural Requirements

Existing Policy

Financial/Budgetary Considerations
Personnel Implications
Technical Requirements
External Agency/Public Comments
Alternate Recommendation

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Attachments:

PowerPoint Presentation- 41st Annual Civic & Community Awards Nomination Period

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