

City Clerk's Office Report to
Combined Meeting of Council
2020 April 06

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Calgary Awards Selection

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Calgary Awards is the pinnacle awards program for citizens, recognizing their outstanding achievements and contributions in making Calgary a great place to live. This report presents the 2019 recipients who were selected following an assessment by juries. The recipients will be invited to an Awards Presentation Ceremony to be recognized by Council at a time to be determined.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Approve the 2019 Calgary Awards recipients as recommended by the selection juries and outlined in confidential Attachment 2;
2. Direct that Attachments 2 and 3 remain confidential under Section 17(4) (g) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP) until the Calgary Awards Presentation Ceremony, to be reviewed on 2020 September 30.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

As per the *Recognitions by Council* Policy (CP2018-02, section 5.7.3), Council approves the Calgary Awards recipients as selected by the juries.

BACKGROUND

The Community Achievement Awards: Recognize outstanding contributions and achievements in community life and provides an opportunity to honour Calgary's exceptional citizens;

The Environmental Achievement Award: recognizes leadership, innovation, and action in environmental stewardship that reduces the impact on and/or restores our city's natural environment. Contributions may include: application of advanced technology; climate resilience; conservation and efficiency; local, volunteer-driven initiatives; and public education;

The International Achievement Award: recognizes an exceptional individual whose volunteer and/or professional activities have gained international acclaim and who actively contributed to the quality of life in Calgary or brought significant recognition to Calgary;

The Award for Accessibility: recognizes buildings or facilities in Calgary that exceeded the minimum requirements of Section 3.8, "Barrier-Free Design" of the Alberta Building Code for accessibility by persons with disabilities;

The W.O. Mitchell Book Prize: recognizes literary achievement by a Calgary author.

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INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

A thorough process is in place for receiving Calgary Awards nominations and compiling information for the juries' review.

The City Clerk's Office secures jury members based on a selection process. Jury members represent a diverse cross-section of community leaders, former Members of Council, Senior City Administration, and past award recipients.

All nominations were reviewed to ensure eligibility requirements were met. Jury members received the nominations for review, then met to discuss and select the recipients.

The four juries are as follows (jury members are listed in Attachment 1):

- The Community Achievement Awards & The International Achievement Award Jury
- The Environmental Achievement Award Jury
- The Award for Accessibility Jury
- The W.O. Mitchell Book Prize Jury

Juries selected the Calgary Awards recipients as noted in confidential Attachment 2. A list of nominations received is in confidential Attachment 3.

Following Council approval, Administration will notify the recipients and prepare for the Awards Presentation. The Presentation Ceremony was previously scheduled to occur in June. However, the City Clerk's Office is working with relevant stakeholders and governance bodies to determine options for postponing the Ceremony, or delivering a modified ceremony through alternate mechanisms.

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

The City Clerk's Office works with Customer Service & Communications to create a marketing and advertising plan to promote The Calgary Awards Program. Promotion is done internally at The City, and externally to citizens through print, digital and social media, and display units. Postcards were sent to community associations, businesses, schools, organizations, past nominators and those interested and/or engaged in making improvements in the community related to advocacy, arts, commerce, the environment and accessibility.

The City Clerk's Office liaised with stakeholders, which included Council members, City business units and external partners, regarding specific awards and criteria.

Strategic Alignment

The Calgary Awards Program contributes to 'A well-run city', through the Council and committee support service line. Through its award categories, it also contributes to 'A city of inspiring neighbourhoods', and 'A healthy and green city'.

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Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

No implications were identified.

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

There is no impact to current or future operating budget.

Current and Future Capital Budget:

There is no financial impact to current or future capital budget.

Risk Assessment

Should Council wish to delay the approval of any award, Administration requests Council approve the remaining recipients.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Calgary Awards Program maintains a thorough and fair review process. The recipients selected for Council approval were subject to this review process and selected for recognition by the juries.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 – 2019 Calgary Awards Jury Members
2. Attachment 2 – Confidential 2019 Calgary Awards Recipients with Background Information
3. Attachment 3 – Confidential 2019 Calgary Awards Listing of Nominees by Award Category