

2015 CALGARY AWARDS SELECTION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Recipients of the 2015 Calgary Awards have been selected by the Calgary Awards juries. The information and recipient names are being presented to Council for approval. Should Council require more information regarding a specific recipient, Administration requests Council approve the remaining slate of recipients so as not to delay the notification and preparation for the upcoming Calgary Awards presentation.

CITY CLERK'S RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Council:

1. Approve the slate of award recipients identified for the 2015 Calgary Awards, in Attachment 1, as recommended by the four selection juries; and,
2. Direct that Attachments 1, 3 and 4 remain confidential under Section 17(4) (g) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP) until 2016 September 21, in advance of the 2016 September 28 Awards Presentation.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

At the 2006 December 12 Regular Meeting, Council approved (C2006-70) the Personnel and Accountability Committee (PAC) recommendation that Council approve the slate of the Calgary Awards recipients as recommended by the four selection juries, permitting the report prepared by Administration be sent directly to Council.

BACKGROUND

In 1994, The City of Calgary established the Calgary Awards to celebrate and recognize outstanding achievements and contributions made by Calgarians. Each year, individuals, corporations, community groups, schools and organizations are nominated in five major award categories.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

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

Citizen Recognitions & Protocol secures jury members based on the Selection Process. Jury members represent a diverse cross section of community leaders, retired Members of Council, Senior City Administration, and past award recipients.

The City Clerk's Office, Citizen Recognitions & Protocol reviewed all nominations to ensure eligibility. Jury members received the nominations for review, and then met to discuss and select award recipient(s). Citizen Recognitions & Protocol retains copies of all nominations on file for a year.

The four juries are as follows with jury members listed in attachment two:

Jury 1: Reviewed nominations and have recommended award recipients for the Community Achievement Awards and the Signature Award;

Jury 2: Reviewed nominations and have recommended award recipients for the Environmental Achievement Awards;

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Jury 3: Reviewed nominations and have recommended an award recipient for The Award for Accessibility;

Jury 4: Read all books and have recommended an award recipient for The City of Calgary W.O. Mitchell Book Prize.

Juries recommended the slate of Calgary Award recipients as noted in Attachment one. A full list of nominations considered by the juries is contained in Attachment three. Further biographical information on recommended recipients is found in Attachment four.

Following Council approval of the recommended slate of award recipients, Administration will notify selected nominees and prepare for the awards presentation on 2016 September 28.

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

The City Clerk's Office, Citizen Recognitions & Protocol works with Customer Service & Communications to create a marketing and advertising plan to promote the Calgary Awards program to Calgarians. Promotion is done both internally within The Corporation and externally to citizens.

Citizen Recognitions & Protocol liaises with stakeholders, which include City Business Units and external partners regarding specific awards and criteria.

Strategic Alignment

By recognizing Calgarians through a broad range of categories, The Calgary Awards program contributes to a number of Council's priorities, including 'a well run city', 'a city of inspiring neighbourhoods', and 'a healthy and green city'. Specifically, The Calgary Awards support the City Clerk's Office strategic action relating to providing citizen recognition support to The Corporation (W7.3).

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

No implications were identified.

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

Costs incurred are budgeted in The City Clerk's Office (Citizen Recognitions & Protocol) budget. Approximately 5% of costs are offset through a sponsorship program.

Current and Future Capital Budget:

No financial impact to current or future capital budget.

Risk Assessment

Council is asked to approve the slate of award recipients. Should Council wish to delay the approval of an award(s), Administration requests Council approve the remaining slate of recipients so as not to delay notification and preparation for the Calgary Awards presentation.

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REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

The Calgary Awards program maintains a thorough and fair review process. The proposed recipients recommended for Council approval were subject to this review process and selected for recognition by our juries.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. 2015 Calgary Awards Recipients (confidential);
2. 2015 Calgary Awards Jury Members;
3. 2015 Calgary Awards Listing of Nominees by Award Category (confidential);
4. Award Recipient Background Information (confidential).