

2023 Calgary Awards Recipients

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council:

1. Ratify the 2023 Calgary Awards recipients as recommended by the selection juries (Attachment 1); and
2. Direct that Attachment 1 remain confidential pursuant to Section 17 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* until after the Calgary Awards presentation.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Calgary Awards are The City’s highest honour. Thirteen different Calgary Awards celebrate and recognize outstanding achievements and contributions made by Calgarians (Attachment 2).
- What does this mean to Calgarians? The Calgary Awards are an opportunity for Calgarians to nominate deserving individuals, businesses, and organizations to be recognized by The City of Calgary (“The City”).
- Why does this matter? The Calgary Awards recognize exemplary achievements and contributions by those who make Calgary a great place to live.
- Changes to the Calgary Awards in 2023 include:
 - A new Social Impact – Business award replaces the Commerce Award;
 - Citizen of the Year award has been renamed Calgarian of the Year award; and
 - Groups can now be nominated in the Arts category.
- Nominations were accepted for a four-week period, from 2023 January 4 to February 1, with 164 Calgary Award nominations received (Attachment 3).
- Strategic Alignment to Council’s Guiding Principles: Strengthen Relationships with Calgarians.
- Background and Previous Council Direction are included in Attachment 4.

DISCUSSION

Section 5.7.3 of Council’s *Recognitions by Council Policy*, CP2018-2, requires that Calgary Awards “recipients are to be selected by a jury from amongst nominations and ratified by Council”. Jury members were selected by the City Clerk’s Office to represent a diverse and inclusive cross-section of community leaders, former Members of Council, Senior City Administration (or designate), and past Calgary Award recipients. The list of jurors is provided in Attachment 5. Juries received the nominations for review, then met to discuss the nominations. Juries selected the Calgary Awards recipients as listed in confidential Attachment 1.

Following Council ratification, the City Clerk’s Office will notify the recipients and prepare for the announcement and presentation of the Calgary Awards in mid-June 2023. A list of all nominees that provided consent during the nomination process will be posted on calgary.ca/calgaryawards prior to the announcement of recipients in June.

EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

- Public engagement was undertaken Public/interested parties were informed

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- Dialogue with interested parties was undertaken Public communication or engagement was not required

External engagement and communication for The Calgary Awards is outlined in Attachment 6.

IMPLICATIONS

Social

The Calgary Awards demonstrate Council's commitment to recognizing those who contribute to the community.

Environmental

No environmental impacts were identified.

Economic

No economic implications were identified.

Service and Financial Implications

Existing operating funding - base

No financial impact. The Calgary Awards costs are included in the City Clerk's Office budget.

RISK

If the ratification of any Calgary Award is delayed, it may impact notification and preparation for The Calgary Awards announcement and presentation. Should Council wish to delay the ratification of any Calgary Award recipient, the City Clerk's Office requests Council ratify the remaining recipients.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. CONFIDENTIAL - Calgary Awards Recipients
2. Calgary Awards Categories and descriptions
3. Calgary Awards Nominees by award category
4. Background and Previous Council direction
5. Calgary Awards Jury members
6. Calgary Awards External engagement and communications

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