

Background and Previous Council Direction

Background

The Calgary Awards Program evolved from the Centennial Awards of Merit Program, which became the Calgary Awards in 1994. In 2018, Council adopted the recommendations of report PFC2018-0112 which provided policy for the Calgary Awards within the Recognitions by Council Policy, CP2018-2, which confirmed that “exemplary achievements by Calgarians shall be recognized through the Calgary Awards Program on an annual basis. The Calgary Awards are The City’s highest honour” (section 5.7.1).

Award Description

Established in 1996, The City of Calgary W.O. Mitchell Book Prize is awarded in honour of acclaimed Calgary writer W.O. Mitchell and recognizes literary achievement by Calgary authors.

Entries are judged by an independent jury recruited by the Writers' Guild of Alberta. Shortlisted authors have an opportunity to deliver a reading. The winning author receives a \$5,000 cash prize and receives the award at the Calgary Awards Presentation in June.

Previous Council Direction

DATE	REPORT NUMBER	DIRECTION/DESCRIPTION
2018 April 23	PFC2018-0112	Recognitions by Council Policy Council approved the Recognitions by Council Policy, CP2018-2.

Bylaws, Regulations, Council Policies

Council Policy: Recognitions by Council, CP2018-2

The purpose of this Council policy is to establish criteria and procedures to ensure Recognitions by Council are carried out in a consistent and professional manner. The policy provides that The City Clerk’s Office shall “...be responsible for managing the Calgary Awards Program, including determining award categories and names, selecting and coordinating juries, arranging and coordinating the ceremony and all other aspects of the Program design not articulated in this policy” (section 5.7.5).