

Law, Legislative Services & Security Report to
Regular Meeting of Council
2025 March 18

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2025 Calgary Awards Recipients

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval of the 2025 Calgary Awards recipients in keeping with Council's *Recognitions by Council Policy*, CP2018-02. The Calgary Awards program aims to recognize exemplary achievements and contributions by Calgarians.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council:

1. Ratify the 2025 Calgary Awards recipients as recommended by the selection juries (Attachment 1);
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*; and
3. Direct the City Clerk to make the Calgary Award recipients publicly available on The City's website following the Calgary Awards presentation on 2025 June 18.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

The City Solicitor and General Counsel concurs with this report.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Calgary Awards are The City of Calgary's ("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.
- Why does this matter? The Calgary Awards recognize exemplary achievements and contributions by those who make Calgary a great place to live.
- Nominations were accepted for a three and a half-week period, from 2025 January 1 to 2025 January 26, with 175 eligible 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 5.6 (c) of Council's *Recognitions by Council Policy*, CP2018-02, 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, Senior City Administration (or their 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.

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Following Council ratification, the City Clerk's Office will notify the recipients and prepare for the announcement and presentation of the Calgary Awards the evening of 2025 June 18. 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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Public engagement was undertaken | <input type="checkbox"/> | Dialogue with interested parties was undertaken |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Public/interested parties were informed | <input type="checkbox"/> | Public communication or engagement was not required |

External engagement and communication tactics are 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

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. 2025 Calgary Awards Nominees
4. Background and Previous Council Direction
5. 2025 Calgary Awards Jury Members
6. External Engagement and Communication

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