

# Background and Previous Council Direction

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The Calgary Awards Program (“the 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*, CP2018-02. This 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 5.6 (a)).

## Previous Council Direction

DATE	REPORT NUMBER	DIRECTION/DESCRIPTION
2024 April 09	C2024-0370	Council approval: The City of Calgary W.O. Mitchell Book Prize Recipient for 2024.
2024 October 22	EC2024-0962	Amendments to <i>Recognitions by Council Policy CP2018-02</i> to reflect current practices and incorporate housekeeping amendments to language.
2018 April 23	PFC2018-0112	Council approval: <i>Recognitions by Council Policy CP2018-02</i>

## Bylaws, Regulations, Council Policies

### **Council Policy: Recognitions by Council, CP2018-02**

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 5.6 (e)).