

2017 Calgary Awards Selection

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Calgary Awards is the pinnacle awards program for citizens, recognizing outstanding achievements and contributions of Calgarians. The 2017 recipients have been selected following an assessment by juries of notable Calgarians. Award recipients will be invited to an Awards Presentation in June to be recognized by Council.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Approve the 2017 Calgary Awards recipients as recommended by the selection juries and outlined in Attachment 1;
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 the Calgary Awards Presentation on 2018 June 13; and
3. Direct that the 2017 Calgary Awards Selection Report and Attachment 2 be released as public documents after Council rises and reports on the matter.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

At its 2006 December 12 Regular Meeting, Council approved (C2006-70) the Personnel and Accountability Committee (PAC) recommendation that Council approve the Calgary Awards recipients as selected by the juries, permitting the report prepared by Administration to 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 and organizations are nominated in five major award categories:

The Community Achievement Awards: recognizing outstanding contributions and achievement in community life and providing honour to Calgary's exceptional citizens;
The Environmental Achievement Award: recognizing environmental achievement and contributions that reduce the impact on or restore The City's natural environment;
The Signature Award: recognizing an individual who has achieved international acclaim;
The Award for Accessibility: recognizing buildings or facilities that exceed minimum requirements for accessibility by persons with disabilities;
The W.O. Mitchell Book Prize: recognizing literary achievement by a Calgary author.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

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

The City Clerk's Office secures jury members based on a long-established selection process. Jury members represent a diverse cross section of community leaders, former Members of Council, Senior City Administration, and past award recipients.

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All nominations were reviewed to ensure eligibility requirements were met. Jury members received the nominations for review, and then met to discuss and select award recipients.

The 4 juries are as follows with jury members listed in Attachment 2:

The Community Achievement Awards & The Signature Award Jury: Reviewed nominations and have selected award recipients for The Community Achievement Awards and The Signature Award;

The Environmental Achievement Award Jury: No nominations were received for this award category. As a result, no jury was formed and no recipient will be awarded The Environmental Achievement Award;

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

The W.O. Mitchell Book Prize Jury: Read all books and have selected an award recipient for The W.O. Mitchell Book Prize.

Juries selected the Calgary Awards recipients as noted in Attachment 1. A full list of nominations considered by the juries is contained in Attachment 3. Further biographical information on selected recipients is found in Attachment 4.

Following Council approval of award recipients, Administration will notify the selected recipients and prepare for the Awards Presentation on 2018 June 13.

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

The City Clerk's Office 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 at The City and externally to citizens through radio, broadcast, print, social media, and display units around the city. Brochures/postcards were sent to community associations, businesses, groups and organizations, particularly past Calgary Award nominators, nominees, recipients and those interested and/or engaged in making improvements in the community and/or city specifically related to community advocacy, arts, commerce, the environment and accessibility.

The City Clerk's Office liaises with stakeholders, which include City business units and external partners, regarding specific awards and criteria.

In 2016, a review of the Calgary Awards Program was conducted, including stakeholder engagement and comparative research. The findings demonstrated strong support for The City's premier citizen recognition awards program, and provided guidance to the City Clerk's Office in terms of administrative adjustments that will be incorporated in the coming years. A post-event survey will be sent out to participants following the Awards Presentation event.

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

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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.

Current and Future Capital Budget:

No financial impact to current or future capital budget.

Risk Assessment

Should Council wish to delay the approval of any award, Administration requests Council approve the remaining recipients so as not to delay notification and preparation for the Calgary Awards Presentation.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:

The Calgary Awards Program maintains a thorough and fair review process. The recipients selected for Council approval were subject to this review process and selected for recognition by the juries.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 – 2017 Calgary Awards Recipients (confidential)
2. Attachment 2 – 2017 Calgary Awards Jury Members
3. Attachment 3 – 2017 Calgary Awards Listing of Nominees by Award Category (confidential);
4. Attachment 4 – Award Recipient Background Information (confidential)