

Law and Legislative Services Report to
Combined Meeting of Council
2019 April 08

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Calgary Awards Selection

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Calgary Awards is the pinnacle awards program for citizens, recognizing their outstanding achievements and contributions in making Calgary a great place to live. The 2018 recipients were selected following an assessment by juries. The recipients will be invited to an Awards Presentation in June to be recognized by Council.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATIONS:

That Council:

1. Ratify the 2018 Calgary Awards recipients as recommended by the selection juries and outlined in confidential Attachment 2;
2. Direct that Attachments 2 and 3 remain confidential under Section 17(4) (g) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP) until the Calgary Awards Presentation on 2019 June 12 and to be released on 2019 June 13.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

As per the *Recognitions by Council Policy* (CP2018-02, section 5.7.3), Council ratifies the Calgary Awards recipients as selected by the juries.

BACKGROUND

The Community Achievement Awards: recognizes outstanding contributions and achievements in community life and provides an opportunity to honour Calgary's exceptional citizens;

The Environmental Achievement Award: recognizes environmental achievement contributions that reduce the impact on and/or restore our city's natural environment;

The International Achievement Award: recognizes an outstanding individual who has achieved international acclaim;

The Award for Accessibility: recognizes buildings or facilities that exceed minimum requirements for accessibility by persons with disabilities;

The W.O. Mitchell Book Prize: recognizes 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 juries' review.

The City Clerk's Office secures jury members based on a 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, then met to discuss and select the recipients.

The four juries are as follows (jury members are listed in Attachment 1):

- The Community Achievement Awards & The International Achievement Award Jury
- The Environmental Achievement Award Jury
- The Award for Accessibility Jury
- The W.O. Mitchell Book Prize Jury

Juries selected the Calgary Awards recipients as noted in confidential Attachment 2. A list of nominations received is in confidential Attachment 3.

Following Council ratification, Administration will notify the recipients and prepare for the Awards Presentation on 2019 June 12.

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. Promotion is done internally at The City, and externally to citizens through radio, TV, print, social media, and display units. Brochures/postcards were sent to community associations, businesses, schools, organizations, as well as past nominators, recipients and those interested and/or engaged in making improvements in the community related to advocacy, arts, commerce, the environment and accessibility.

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

An annual review is conducted by the City Clerk's Office, and administrative adjustments are made to aspects of the Program as needed.

Strategic Alignment

The Calgary Awards Program contributes to 'A well-run city', through the Council and committee support service line. Through its award categories, it also contributes to 'A city of inspiring neighbourhoods', and 'A healthy and green city'.

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.

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Current and Future Capital Budget:

No financial impact to current or future capital budget.

Risk Assessment

If the approval of any award is delayed, it may impact notification and preparation for The Calgary Awards Presentation. Should Council wish to delay the approval of any award, Administration requests Council approve the remaining recipients.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Attachment 1 – 2018 Calgary Awards Jury Members
2. Attachment 2 – Confidential 2018 Calgary Awards Recipients with Background Information
3. Attachment 3 – Confidential 2018 Calgary Awards Listing of Nominees by Award Category