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## **Request for Standing Committee Motion from Arts Development Advisory Committee (Mayor's Celebration of the Arts Policy)**

Presented by: Jody Swanson, Chair, Arts Development Advisory Committee

### **REQUESTED MOTION**

That the Community Living Standing Committee recommend that Council approve Policy C-CC-22 Mayor's Celebration of the Arts Policy as presented.

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to bring to the Community Living Standing Committee a recommendation arising from an item on the Agenda of the June 23, 2021 meeting of the Arts Development Advisory Committee.

Report Date: August 23, 2021  
Committee: Community Living Standing Committee



**CITY OF ST. ALBERT  
CITY COUNCIL POLICY**

NUMBER	TITLE
C-CC-22	Mayor's Celebration of the Arts Awards Policy
ORIGINAL APPROVAL DATE	DATE LAST REVISED

**Purpose**

To honour, celebrate and further foster the pivotal role Artists play in the quality-of-life, social well-being and economic prosperity of the City of St. Albert by

- a) recognizing artistic excellence in all stages of artistic development;
- b) commending outstanding contributions to the development of the arts and artistic community;
- c) championing the next generation of artists in order to further their artistic development and;
- d) showcasing the best St. Albert's artistic community has to offer.

The Mayor's Celebration of the Arts Awards (MCOA) is an bi-annual program that recognizes and celebrates excellence in various areas of the arts and builds awareness of the contribution artists make to our community. MCOA invests in the future of our growing arts community by supporting our artists through appreciation and employment opportunities, and by connecting artists to the wider community.

**Policy Statement**

The City of St. Albert will recognize Artists and organizations in our community who have shown commendable achievements at an awards ceremony.

The City of St. Albert will recognize individual Artists, organizations, and Arts Champions for their exemplary commitment to arts and culture in St. Albert.

The City may recognize one Lifetime Achievement recipient in each awards cycle who has demonstrated a long-term commitment to the arts in the community and that person will be inducted into the Cultural Wall of Fame.

## Definitions

“Artist” means an individual engaged in an activity related to creating art, practicing the arts, or demonstrating an art.

“Arts Champion” means an individual, organization, or corporation who makes an exceptional contribution to the arts in St. Albert as a leader, volunteer, advocate, supporter, sponsor and/or philanthropist.

“City” means the municipal corporation of the City of St. Albert, or where the context so requires, the area contained within the boundaries of the City of St. Albert;

“Cultural Wall of Fame” means the artwork ‘The Gathering’, which is located on the glass walls of the library in St. Albert Place. Recipients of the Lifetime Achievement in the Arts award have their names inscribed on the artwork.

“Jury” means a group of individuals with expertise in diverse parts of the arts sector, including disciplinary knowledge and other expertise (such as administration). Such individuals review and assess applications as part of a granting process. The number of jury members required will be between 5 and 9 people dependent on diversity of artistic practice, professional specialization, and availability.

“Lifetime Achievement” is awarded to Artists who have made long-standing and significant achievements over the course of an entire career. This includes Artistic practice, recognition by peers and the Artist’s contribution to the local and broader Artistic community.

## Responsibilities

1. Council shall approve an amount within the City’s annual operating budget to support the Mayor’s Celebration of the Arts Award program, at Council’s discretion.
2. The Mayor shall:
  - a. Attend the Mayor’s Celebration of the Arts Awards event to present the awards to the recipients; and
  - b. Send a letter of congratulation and acknowledgement to all nominees and receipts.
3. The CAO shall facilitate the delivery of the MCOA program within the approved budget.

4. The Arts Development Advisory Committee shall approve the Jury to adjudicate the recipients of the awards and makes a recommendation to Council regarding the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement/Cultural Wall of Fame.

### **Service Standards / Expectations**

- a. Two members from the Arts Development Advisory Committee will be selected to be on the jury, the remainder of the jury will consist of individuals with expertise in diverse parts of the arts sector who are approved by ADAC in consultation with administration.

### **Legal References**

N/A

### **Cross References**

- City Council Policy C-CS-15 – Cultural Wall of Fame
- City Council Bylaw 09/2020 Arts Development Advisory Committee

### **Attachments**

N/A

DATE REVIEWED	NEXT REVIEW DATE	REVISIONS
Date – Department	Date – Department	Date – Resolution No.