



## CITY OF ST. ALBERT CITY COUNCIL POLICY

NUMBER	TITLE
C-CC-22	Mayor's Celebration of the Arts Awards Policy
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### Purpose

To contribute to the sense of community by providing recognition to eligible Artists and Arts Organizations in our community that demonstrate a clear commitment to arts and culture in St. Albert; and to establish specific criteria for the provision of funds to eligible Artists and Arts Organizations.

### 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 to the Cultural Wall of Fame.

### Definitions

"Amateur Artist" means a person who takes part or engages in some form of art primarily for pleasure and not for financial gain.

"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.

“Arts Organization” means a registered non-profit group that provide arts products or services to improve or benefit the community.

“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.

“Emerging Artist” means an Artist in the early stages of a career, generally in their first five (5) years of practice, who is working towards becoming a recognized professional or established Artist while engaging with the community.

“Established Artist” means an Artist who has been actively practising in any arts discipline for more than five (5) years and is a recognized Professional or Amateur Artist in their field.

“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.

“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.

“Professional Artist” means an Artist who has specialized training in the Artistic field (not necessarily in academic institutions); is recognized as a professional by his or her peers (Artists working in the same Artistic tradition); is committed to devoting more time to Artistic activity, if possible financially, and has a history of public presentation or publication.

“Youth Artist” means an Artist between the ages of 13 and 21 years of age.

## **Responsibilities**

### **1. Administration shall:**

- a. Promote the Mayor’s Celebration of the Arts event and invite nomination applications for the awards. Awards will be made to Artists or Arts Organizations in the following categories:
  - a. Arts Champion
  - b. Emerging Artist
  - c. Established Artist
  - d. Excellence in Arts Teaching

- e. Youth Artist
    - f. Lifetime Achievement in the Arts/Cultural Wall of Fame.
  - b. Receive the applications in the above-mentioned categories and forward the completed applications to the jury who is appointed by the Arts Development Advisory Committee.
2. The Arts Development Advisory Committee shall choose the Jury to adjudicate the recipients the awards.
3. 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.

### **Service Standards / Expectations**

1. Nominees for the Mayor's Celebration of the Arts Awards shall be those who represent or are from St. Albert or have made a significant impact on St. Albert.
2. Nominees for the Lifetime Achievement in the Arts will have either enhanced the quality of life in the community or enhanced the image of the community through their achievements or contributions to the arts over an extended period of time.
3. Nominees for the Mayor's Celebration of the Arts Awards may be Amateur or Professional Artists.
4. Nominees for the Mayor's Celebration of the Arts Awards will receive the following:
- a. A letter from the Mayor of St. Albert;
  - b. Mention in a news release announcing the award nominees sent to local print media;
  - c. Mention on the City of St. Albert website;
  - d. Inclusion in the Mayor's Celebration of the Arts Awards Program; and
  - e. One ticket to the Mayor's Celebration of the Arts Awards.
5. Recipients of an award may receive the following:
- a. A letter of congratulation from the Mayor of St. Albert;
  - b. An original work of art by a St. Albert Artist;
  - c. A monetary award.

6. The Jury may recommend that an award not be given in one or more categories at their discretion.

## 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

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