

## The Calgary Awards

Nominations close **Feb. 25, 2019** 





#### **2017 Award Recipients**

#### The Community Achievement Awards

**Grant MacEwan Lifetime Achievement** 

Mary Rozsa de Coquet

Citizen of the Year

J. Murray McCann

Arts

Edmond Agopian

Commerce

Ian MacGregor

**Community Advocate** 

Gail E. Simper

**Community Advocate Organization** 

Distress Centre Calgary

Education

Cynthia Joy Prasow

Heritage

Hugh A. Dempsey

Youth

Yuvraj Singh

The Environmental Achievement Award

Not awarded in 2017

The Signature Award

Brian Felesky

The Award for Accessibility

Calgary International Airport – YYC LINK Passenger Shuttle

The City of Calgary W.O. Mitchell Book Prize

Taylor Lambert "Darwin's Moving"

**Honourable Mention** 

Community Advocate Organization Children's Hospital Aid Society



#### **How to Submit A Nomination**

In 1994, The City of Calgary established The Calgary Awards to celebrate and recognize outstanding achievements and contributions made by Calgarians in the preceding year. Each year, individuals, corporations, community groups, and organizations are nominated in five major award categories, for a total of 13 awards.

The City of Calgary encourages all Calgarians to look to their neighbours, colleagues, community leaders and local organizations and businesses for those who could qualify as recipients of The Calgary Awards.

#### Selection of Recipients

Each Calgary Award is given to an individual, group, organization or corporation, depending on the criteria for that award.

Only one recipient is selected for an award. In some circumstances, no recipient is selected.

Current and former City of Calgary employees or elected officials are not eligible for a Calgary Award for their work as a City employee or elected official. Similarly, business units and City projects are not eligible for a Calgary Award.

Recipients cannot subsequently receive an award in the same category for the same achievement.

Recipients are not eligible to receive an award within five years of having received an award in any category.

The Calgary Awards juries select all award recipients and base their decisions solely on the information provided in the nomination package.

#### Step 1:

Review the award categories and select the appropriate category for the individual, corporation, community group or organization you wish to nominate. On the following pages, a description of each award and eligibility requirements is included. **Please ensure you read carefully.** Use the content guidelines for each category to help you prepare your nomination letter.

#### Step 2:

Prepare a letter of nomination, **one to five pages in length**, describing how this individual or organization is making a difference in our community, and why they are a deserving recipient in the particular award category.

Items you may wish to include in the nomination letter include the scope of experience relevant to the award criteria, specific examples that demonstrate merit for the award, and highlights of previous awards and honours received to show the extent and progression of achievements in the community.

- Nomination letters less than one full page in length will not be submitted for consideration to the Awards juries.
- Self-nominations are accepted, however, they must be accompanied by a letter(s) of reference.

#### Step 3:

To enhance the nomination, it is recommended that supporting materials be included to highlight the relevance and merit of the nominee in the selected award category. This may include letters of reference, testimonials, newspaper articles specifically highlighting the achievements leading to this award nomination, and previous awards and honours.

- The combined nomination supporting materials must not exceed 14 pages.
- Do not include web links or URLs. Please print the webpage or article and include it as part of your supporting materials.



Step 4:

Once you have prepared the nomination letter and supporting materials, please submit your nomination package using one of the following:

#### Online submission

The online nomination form is available at calgary.ca/ calgaryawards. You will be prompted to enter the nominee and nominator contact information, award category, and upload your nomination letter and supporting materials.

#### Manual submission

Complete the form on page 16 of this brochure and attach it to the front of your nomination package. You may use a blank page instead, listing all of the requested information. Your nomination will not be processed without this information.

Manual submissions can be mailed, delivered or faxed to:

#### Mailing Address

The Calgary Awards The City of Calgary City Clerk's Office (#8007) P.O. Box 2100, Stn. M Calgary, AB T2P 2M5

#### Hand Deliver/Courier

The Calgary Awards Mayor's Office Security Desk Second floor, Administration Building 313 – 7 Ave. S.E. Calgary, AB T2G 2M3

#### Fax

403-268-2900

Nomination packages must be received by Monday, **February 25, 2019**. We regret that nominations received after this date will not be considered.\*

\* The nomination deadline is Monday, February 25, 2019 for all awards except The City of Calgary W.O. Mitchell Book Prize, which is Monday, December 31, 2018.

### **Award Categories**

The Calgary Awards are presented each year by The City of Calgary to recognize deserving individuals, corporations, community groups and organizations.

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## The Community Achievement Awards

Recognizes outstanding contributions and achievements in community life and provides an opportunity to honour Calgary's exceptional citizens.

#### Grant MacEwan Lifetime Achievement

Awarded to an individual Calgarian who, over the past 25 years or more, has made significant contributions to the community and improved the quality of life for citizens or whose accomplishments brought recognition to Calgary. The award is named in honour of the lifetime achievements of Calgarian Dr. Grant MacEwan – writer, environmentalist and politician. City Council created this award to commemorate Dr. MacEwan's 90th birthday in 1992.

#### Citizen of the Year

Awarded to an outstanding individual Calgarian who, within the last five years, has made an extraordinary contribution that improved the quality of life in Calgary or whose achievements brought recognition to Calgary.

This award is sponsored by Oil City Press.

#### Arts

Awarded to an individual Calgarian whose artistic accomplishments brought recognition to Calgary or whose volunteer or professional involvement contributed to developing a stronger arts community.

#### Commerce

Awarded to an individual Calgarian or Calgary business for improving business opportunities, making significant community or industry contributions or for bringing recognition to Calgary.

#### **Community Advocate**

Awarded to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the community through their volunteer activities and initiatives. Examples are: involvement with community endeavours, service clubs, community improvement programs, youth programs or community associations. Please describe how the individual positively affected the community.

#### Community Advocate Organization

Awarded to a non-government, not-for-profit Calgary organization for outstanding service to the community by implementing, improving, supporting or assisting a local established project or program that has been operating for a minimum 12 months. Please describe how this organization positively affected the community.

#### Education

Awarded to an individual Calgarian who has enhanced learning opportunities for Calgarians or brought recognition to Calgary due to outstanding academic achievement in his/her field.

#### Heritage

Awarded to an individual Calgarian who has made a sustained and extraordinary contribution, either as a volunteer or professional, to the promotion of awareness and/or preservation of Calgary's heritage in the areas of built heritage, archaeology, culture, education or advocacy.

For specific information about this award, contact the Calgary Heritage Authority at 403-805-7084 or calgaryawards@calgary.ca.

#### Youth

Awarded to an individual Calgarian, 18 years old or younger on December 31, 2018, whose exceptional achievements brought recognition to or improved the quality of life in Calgary. The focus is on volunteer and community contributions, not academic achievement.

This award is sponsored by The University of Calgary.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

Individuals nominated for a Community Achievement Award must meet the following criteria:

- Nominees are to have made a significant contribution to Calgary.
- Nominees must be residents of Calgary (permanent address in Calgary) for two years as of December 31, 2018.
- · Nominees must not currently hold political office.
- Nominees may only be nominated for one award in a given year.

Groups, organizations or corporations nominated for a Community Achievement Award must meet the following criteria:

 Nominees must be Calgary-based or be a local branch of a national or international organization.

## Submitting a Nomination for a Community Achievement Award

- Refer to the steps outlined on pages two and three of this brochure as well as any requirements specific to the award.
- 2. In your nomination letter, please include:
  - The reasons why you believe the nominee deserves the award.
  - All of the nominee's activities that relate to the award category, the nominee's role in each activity, the time and duration of each activity.
  - The impact and/or other benefits to the community.



## The International Achievement Award

Recognizes an outstanding individual who has achieved international acclaim.

The International Achievement Award (formerly known as The Signature Award) recognizes an exceptional individual whose personal and/or professional activities have gained international acclaim and who actively contributed to the quality of life in Calgary or brought significant recognition to Calgary.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

- Nominees do not have to reside in Calgary, currently.
- · Nominees must not currently hold political office.
- Nominees may only be nominated for one award in a given year.
- Nominees are to have actively contributed to the quality of life in Calgary or brought significant recognition to Calgary.

## Submitting a Nomination for The International Achievement Award

- Refer to the steps outlined on pages two and three of this brochure as well as any requirements specific to the award.
- 2. In your nomination letter, please include:
  - The reasons why you believe the nominee deserves this award.
  - The activities of the nominee that gained international acclaim.
  - The actions of the nominee that brought recognition to Calgary.

## The Environmental Achievement Award

Recognizes environmental achievement contributions that reduce our impact on and/or restore our city's natural environment.

The Environmental Achievement Award recognizes leadership, innovation, and action in environmental stewardship. Contributions may include innovation and application of advanced technology; climate resilience; conservation and efficiency; local, volunteer-driven initiatives; and public education.

Eligible nominees may be individuals or organizations and include individual Calgarians, educational institutions, not-for-profit organizations and Calgary-based businesses and corporations (including Crown corporations) with local operations.

#### Eligibility Criteria

Individuals nominated for The Environmental Achievement Award must meet the following criteria:

- Nominees are to have made a significant contribution to Calgary.
- Nominees must be residents of Calgary (permanent address in Calgary) for two years as of December 31, 2018.
- Nominees must not currently hold political office.
- Nominees may only be nominated for one award in a given year.

Groups, organizations or corporations nominated for The Environmental Achievement Award must meet the following criteria:

- Nominees must be Calgary-based or be a local branch of a national or international organization.
- Crown corporations are eligible for The Environmental Achievement Award.

#### Submitting a Nomination for The Environmental Achievement Award

- 1. Refer to the steps outlined on pages two and three of this brochure as well as any requirements specific to the award.
- 2. In your nomination letter, please include:
  - The rationale for why you believe the nominee deserves this award.
  - A thorough description of what the nominee initiated, developed, implemented or managed (projects, programs, policies, processes) that made a positive environmental contribution. Consider:
    - Leadership shown to lead and influence others.
    - · Creativity, innovation and originality.
    - Degree of impact (significance of outcome and/or potential for spreading the change or influencing others in their organization or community).
    - Reach (levels of participation and/or awareness, including breadth and depth of community mobilization).
    - · Learning and discovery opportunities identified.
    - Degree of difficulty challenges overcome.
    - · Planning, resources and effort applied.
    - The resulting benefits or expected benefits to the environment.

For specific information about the Environmental Achievement Award, contact Environmental & Safety Management at The City of Calgary, at 403-850-0871 or calgaryawards@calgary.ca.

## The City of Calgary W.O. Mitchell Book Prize

Recognizes literary achievement by a Calgary author.

The City of Calgary established this prize in honour of acclaimed Calgary writer W.O. Mitchell to recognize literary achievement by Calgary authors. The \$5,000 prize is awarded each year for an outstanding book published in the preceding year. If the winning book has more than one author, the prize money is divided equally among them. A three-person jury from the Canadian literary community judges all entries and selects the recipient. The jury is made up of a Calgarian, an Albertan from outside Calgary and a Canadian from outside Alberta.

The prize is coordinated through a partnership between The City of Calgary and the Writers' Guild of Alberta, which administers the award process as part of the annual Alberta Literary Awards.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

- The book's publication date must be in 2018.
- The author must have lived in Calgary for a minimum of two years as of December 31, 2018.
- The following types of writing are eligible: fiction, poetry, non-fiction, children's literature, drama and self-published works.
- The following types of writing are not eligible:
   multi-author anthologies, cookbooks, guidebooks,
   textbooks, technical manuals, bibliographies, and
   works of a purely academic or scholarly nature. Books
   of less than 48 pages (except children's literature),
   books not written in English or French, multi-authored
   books if any one of the authors is not a Calgarian and
   reprints or new editions of previously published books
   are also not eligible.

## Submissions for The City of Calgary W.O. Mitchell Book Prize

Submissions for The City of Calgary W.O. Mitchell Book Prize are accepted in accordance with the Alberta Literary Awards timelines, which run October through December of the award year.

All book prize submissions have now been received for consideration for the 2018 Calgary Awards, W.O. Mitchell Book Prize.

For additional information about The City of Calgary W.O. Mitchell Book Prize, including future submissions, contact the Writers' Guild of Alberta at 1-800-665-5354 or visit www.writersguild.ca.





# The Award for Accessibility

Recognizes buildings or facilities that exceed minimum requirements for accessibility by persons with disabilities.

The Award for Accessibility recognizes buildings or facilities in Calgary that significantly exceeded the minimum requirements of Section 3.8, "Barrier-Free Design" of the Alberta Building Code for accessibility by persons with disabilities.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

- 1. The building must be operated by an organization other than The City of Calgary (the building can be situated on City of Calgary owned land).
- The building must have undergone construction, expansion or renovation within the past five years. The five year timeline begins from the date the subject building or portion thereof was given permission by The City's **Development Approvals and Building Safety** Division to be occupied.
- 3. Nominations will not be considered if the majority of the accessibility features are not functional or completed.

## Submitting a Nomination for The Award for Accessibility

- Refer to the steps outlined on pages two and three of this brochure as well as any requirements specific to the award.
- 2. In your nomination letter, please include:
  - · The address of the building or facility you are nominating.
  - · Your name, address, email and phone number.
  - · Current building owners and occupants.
  - The organization and/or consultants responsible for the accessibility initiative.
  - The nature of the project and the accessibility components.
  - · The impact of the project on persons with disabilities.

For more information or clarification, contact Development Approvals and Building Safety, The City of Calgary at 403-826-9970, or calgaryawards@calgary.ca.



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#### **Nomination Form**

Category:		
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$\ \square$ Citizen of the Year	☐ The Award for Accessibility	
☐ Arts		
☐ Commerce	Nomination Type	
☐ Community Advocate	□ Individual	
☐ Community Advocate Organization	☐ Business or Organization	
☐ Education		
☐ Heritage		
☐ Youth		
N		

#### Nominee Information

Name (individual, organization or business) Contact name (for organization or business)

Mailing address

City	Postal code (required)
Telephone	
Email	
Youth award or December 31, 2	nly – Is the youth that is nominated 18 years or younger as of 018?
Nomina	tor Information
Name	
Business or org	anization (if applicable)
Mailing address	(individual) or
Business mailin	g address (business or organization)
City	Postal code (required)
Telephone	
 Email	

Deadline for submissions is Monday, February 25, 2019.

The Calgary Awards Presentation will be live-streamed on calgary.ca on Wednesday, June 12, 2019. Visit calgary.ca/calgaryawards for updates.

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## For more information about The Calgary Awards:

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