



CITY OF ST. ALBERT CITY COUNCIL POLICY

NUMBER	TITLE
C-CC-22	Mayor's Celebration of the Arts Awards Policy
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August 30, 2021	August 30, 2021

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;
- 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

“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 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.

“Jury” means those individuals appointed to the Arts Development Advisory Committee (ADAC) and external professional advice as needed, to adjudicate the recipients of awards and make recommendations to Council.

“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.

“Mid-career” means artists whose professional careers have passed the early stages, who have produced a reasonable body of work and have attained a fair degree of public exposure. Must have been practicing professionally for at least 8 years to apply to this category and is a recognized amateur or professional in their field.

“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, 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. Council adopts the Mayor’s Celebration of the Arts Award Policy and, in its discretion, approves an amount within the City’s annual operating budget to support the Mayor’s Celebration of the Arts Award program.
2. The CAO facilitates delivery of the MCOA program within the approved budget.
3. The Arts Development Advisory Committee will review the policy at least once every three (3) years and review the jury selection process by the end of Quarter 1 of 2024.
4. 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

5. The Jury will consist of members from the Arts Development Advisory Committee and external professional advice as needed, to adjudicate the recipients of awards and make recommendations to Council. 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

DATE REVIEWED	NEXT REVIEW DATE	REVISIONS
N/A	August 2024	N/A