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Dear Mayor and Council,

We are opening nominations for the *2017 Awards of Excellence* on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. We need your help over the next several weeks to promote the awards, and encourage your network to nominate those individuals and organizations who are making Vancouver a great place to live, work and play! Nominations will close on **Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**.

To help you with our promotion, we are sending you the following attachments:

- key messages
- a list of previous winners
- a list of pre-scripted Tweets that you can use starting on October 11<sup>th</sup> to promote the program through your Twitter account
- a sample e-mail that you can forward to your networks starting on October 11<sup>th</sup> to generate interest and encourage nominations!

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Lesley Matthews, Chief, External Relations and Protocol at 604.829.2039 or [lesley.matthews@vancouver.ca](mailto:lesley.matthews@vancouver.ca).

Best,  
Sadhu Johnston

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## City of Vancouver 2017 Awards of Excellence Key Messages

1. The Awards of Excellence is a City of Vancouver awards program that recognizes outstanding civic achievements made by individuals (adults, youth and children), organizations and businesses. The awards celebrate the accomplishments of the people and groups whose efforts make Vancouver excellent.
2. Nominations are open to anyone who lives, works, volunteers or goes to school in Vancouver, including the University Endowment Lands. Nominations are also open to organizations and businesses based in the city of Vancouver.

Nominations for City of Vancouver employees, elected officials and self-nominations of individuals **are not accepted**.

3. The Awards of Excellence recognize adults, youth, children, organizations and businesses that make Vancouver a greener, healthier, more accessible, prosperous and inclusive city. The award categories are:
  - Civic Volunteer Award
  - Greenest City Leadership Award
  - Healthy City for All Award
  - Diversity and Inclusion Award
  - Accessible City Award
  - Mayor's Achievement Award - **Mayor Gregor Robertson selects the recipients of this award so public nominations are not accepted.**
4. The nomination process is quick, easy and straightforward. Nominations will be accepted online until **5:00 pm on Friday, November 25, 2016** at [www.vancouver.ca/awards-of-excellence](http://www.vancouver.ca/awards-of-excellence).

**Accessible City Award recipients**

	2014	2015	2016
Individual Award	Greg Pyc	Jeanette Andersen	Peggy Assinck
Organization Award	The Kettle Friendship Society	Realwheels	Centre for Accessible Post-secondary Education Resources BC (CAPER-BC)
Youth Award	Darwin Balino	No Recipient	Sarah Fletcher

\*See recipients for 2011-2013 below

**Civic Volunteer Award recipients**

	2014	2015	2016
Individual Award	Wendy Williams	Mary Lynn Baum	Rob Haynes
Organization Award	Vancouver Remembrance Day Committee	Members of the Citizens' Assembly on the Grandview-Woodland Community Plan	Vancouver Emergency Community Telecommunications Organization (VECTOR)
Youth Award	Mabel James	Linh Diep	Nicole Hou

**Diversity and Inclusion Award recipients**

	2014	2015	2016
Individual Award	Chief Dr. Robert Joseph	Jaime Adams	David Ng
Organization Award	QMUNITY	Vancouver Street Soccer League	Pacific Immigrant Resources Society
Youth Award	Diego Cardona	Roan Reimer	Golsa Golestaneh

\*See below for Diversity and Inclusion Award and Honourable Mention recipients – 1996 – 2013

**Greenest City Leadership Award recipients**

	2014	2015	2016
Individual Award	Louise Schwarz	Allen Garr	Doug Wilson
Organization Award	Fresh Roots Urban Farm Society	Vancouver-based Climate Smart Certified Businesses	Trout Lake Youth Council
Youth Award	Aaron Leung	Tesicca Truong	Kimberley Wong

**Healthy City for All Award recipients**

	2014	2015	2016
Individual Award	Dr. Michael Krausz	Maria Luz Fernandez	Chris Taulu
Organization Award	Ending Violence Association of BC	EMBERS Vancouver	Megaphone
Youth Award	Raymond (Zi Hao) Wu	Cecilia Bao	Jan Lim

**Mayor's Achievement Award recipients**

	2014	2015	2016
Individual Award	Katrina Pacey	Dr. William "Bill" McMichael	Janine Fuller
Organization Award	Khalsa Diwan Society	Guangzhou-Vancouver Friendship Society	Tradeworks Training Society
Youth Award	Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School Senior Boys Basketball Team	Alex Pang	Austin Wang

**Accessible City Award and Honourable Mention Recipients - 2011 - 2013**

Jill Weiss  
 Paul Gauthier  
 Kim Calsafferri  
 Devon MacFarlane  
 Heather McCain  
 Bruce Gilmour  
 Greg Travers  
 Cerebral Palsy Association for British Columbia  
 Vancouver City Savings Credit Union (Vancity)  
 Computer Comfort Program at Neil Squire Society  
 The Cleaning Solution  
 Developmental Disabilities Association  
 Learning Disabilities Association  
 Canadian Barrier Free Design Inc (CBFD)  
 Vancouver Community College (VCC)

**Diversity and Inclusion Award and Honourable Mention recipients – 1996 - 2013**

Walter Brino  
 Joyce Lam  
 Sadie Kuehn  
 Eric Wong  
 Leila El-Khatib  
 Joy Manuel  
 Romi Chandra

Norma Sanchez  
Sherman Siu Man Chan  
Sadia Ramirez  
Roz Davidson  
Sukhdev Grewal  
Clive Mallory  
Teresa Whitehouse  
Donna Spencer  
Gabriel Yiu  
David Diamond  
YWCA Metro Vancouver  
Vancouver Inter-Cultural Orchestra  
The Source/La Source Newspaper  
South Vancouver Neighbourhood House  
Vancouver Adapted Music Society  
Vancouver Moving Theatre  
The Trout Lake Knitters Group  
Creative Peace Network  
Vancouver Native Health Society  
Buddhist Compassion Relief Tzu Chi Foundation  
411 Seniors Centre  
John Halani  
A Step Ahead Foundation  
A Step Ahead Foundation  
Collingwood Neighbourhood House  
Carousel Theatre  
Mount Saint Joseph Hospital  
Early Childhood Multicultural Services

City of Vancouver *Awards of Excellence*  
**Promotional Tweets**

**STANDARD TWEET:**

It really is an honour to be nominated. Honour someone today. The City of Vancouver Awards of Excellence: [vancouver.ca/awards-of-excellence](http://vancouver.ca/awards-of-excellence)

**TWEET #1**

The City of Vancouver *Awards of Excellence* nominations are now open. Nominate an organization that goes above and beyond: [vancouver.ca/awards-of-excellence](http://vancouver.ca/awards-of-excellence)

Celebrate the outstanding. Nominate someone for the City of Vancouver *Awards of Excellence*: [vancouver.ca/awards-of-excellence](http://vancouver.ca/awards-of-excellence)

**TWEET #2**

In five categories the *Awards of Excellence* recognize the best Vancouver has to offer. Nominate an excellent Vancouverite: [vancouver.ca/awards-of-excellence](http://vancouver.ca/awards-of-excellence)

Know someone making a positive change for Vancouver? Nominate them for an *Award of Excellence*: [vancouver.ca/awards-of-excellence](http://vancouver.ca/awards-of-excellence)

**TWEET #3**

Get your nominations for our *Awards of Excellence* in by 5 p.m on Friday, November 25th: [vancouver.ca/awards-of-excellence](http://vancouver.ca/awards-of-excellence)

Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> is the last day to nominate a person or organization for *Awards of Excellence*: [vancouver.ca/awards-of-excellence](http://vancouver.ca/awards-of-excellence)

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**From:**

**To:**

**Date:**

**Subject:** 2017 Awards of Excellence - NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN!

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

Nominations for the City of Vancouver's 2017 Awards of Excellence are now open! The Awards of Excellence recognize outstanding achievements made by individuals — adults, youth and children — organizations, and businesses who are making Vancouver a greener, healthier, more inclusive and prosperous city.

The nomination process is quick, easy and straightforward and can be done online by 5:00 pm on Friday, November 25th at <<http://www.vancouver.ca/awards-of-excellence>> [www.vancouver.ca/awards-of-excellence](http://www.vancouver.ca/awards-of-excellence). If you know a person, organization or business doing great work for the community, please nominate them today. You can also send this e-poster to your networks to encourage them to nominate someone special!

Sincerely,

City of Vancouver

Recognize the people who make Vancouver excellent

**VANCOUVER AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE**

Featuring five award categories for youth and children, adults and organizations.

**AWARD CATEGORIES**

Accessible City

Civic Volunteer

Diversity and Inclusion

Greenest City Leadership

Healthy City for All

Awards will be presented at a ceremony on February 28, 2017.

Submit a nomination by 5 pm on Friday, November 25, 2016 at: [vancouver.ca/awards-of-excellence](http://vancouver.ca/awards-of-excellence)

Nominations are welcome for children and youth 21 or younger.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

[vancouver.ca/awards-of-excellence](http://vancouver.ca/awards-of-excellence)

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RECOGNIZE THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE VANCOUVER EXCELLENT

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DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION • GREENEST CITY LEADERSHIP

HEALTHY CITY FOR ALL

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**Nominations are welcome for children and youth 21 or 3/20/2017.**