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Greetings Mayor and Council,

Nominations for the *2020 Awards of Excellence* are now open and people can submit nominations until 5 pm on April 17<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.

To help you promote the 2020 Awards of Excellence, we are sending you the following attachments:

- An e-mail to forward to your contacts to generate interest and encourage nominations
- Key messages
- List of past recipients
- List of pre-scripted social media posts to promote the program on Twitter and Facebook
- FAQs

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Lily Chen, External Relations and Protocol at 604.873.7279 or [Lily.Chen@vancouver.ca](mailto:Lily.Chen@vancouver.ca).

Thanks for your help getting the word out so we can recognize the outstanding residents in our city!

Best,  
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# City of Vancouver

## 2020 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 that make Vancouver a greener, healthier, more accessible, prosperous and inclusive city.
2. 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 Kennedy Stewart selects the recipients of the Mayor's Achievement Award. Public nominations are not accepted in this category.**
3. 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 **are not accepted** for City of Vancouver employees, elected officials or self-nominations of individuals.
4. Child and youth recipients will receive a \$500 bursary with their Award of Excellence.
5. The nomination process is quick, easy and straightforward. Nominations will be accepted online until **5 PM on Friday, April 17, 2020** at [www.vancouver.ca/awards-of-excellence](http://www.vancouver.ca/awards-of-excellence).
6. Our selection criteria
  - **Scope:** The range of activities and breadth of influence or inspiration of the achievement
  - **Achievement:** The significance of the achievement itself, with consideration given to creativity, innovation, and general significance of the activity for the individual or community
  - **Impact:** The potential for fundamental and lasting positive change
  - **Method:** The manner in which the activities were performed, for example, with creativity, innovation, inclusivity, consultation, and collaboration.

## ***About the City of Vancouver 2020 Awards of Excellence***

### **What is the City of Vancouver Awards of Excellence?**

*The Awards of Excellence* is an annual City of Vancouver awards program that recognizes outstanding civic achievements made by individuals (adults, youth 21 years or younger and children) and organizations. The awards celebrate accomplishments of people and groups whose efforts make Vancouver excellent.

The *Awards of Excellence* feature the following award categories: Civic Volunteer; Greenest City Leadership; Healthy City for All; Diversity and Inclusion; and Accessible City. In each category, awards may be presented to one adult, one child or youth (21 years old or younger) and an organization. Nominations are open to everyone, from organizations making a difference in communities, tireless social leaders, and community groups building capacity, and enterprising youth and children.

Nominations for *Awards of Excellence* are open until **Friday, April 17, 2020 at 5 pm** and can be made online at: [www.vancouver.ca/awards-of-excellence](http://www.vancouver.ca/awards-of-excellence). Recipients will be honoured at a ceremony on June 18, 2020.

### **Who can be nominated?**

Any person who lives, works, volunteers or goes to school in Vancouver, including the University Endowment Lands can be nominated for an award or multiple awards. The *Awards of Excellence* allows for the same individual to be nominated in more than one category. Adult nominees will be considered separately from youth and child nominees in each category. Organizations based in the city of Vancouver can also be nominated for an *Award of Excellence* and are evaluated on their contributions to the community. These organizations include:

- Non-profit organizations
- Groups or service clubs
- Educational institutions
- Hospitals
- Government departments
- Unions, or professional and trade associations
- Media organizations
- Public or private corporations

### **What are the award categories?**

#### ***Accessible City Award***

Recognizes individuals or organizations who improve access and inclusion for persons with disabilities, or remove barriers and create opportunities. For example:

- Providing physical access to buildings, infrastructure, and public spaces
- Connecting people with disabilities to opportunities, services and information
- Inspiring a culture of inclusion in the city

***Civic Volunteer***

Recognizes those who excel at volunteering to make Vancouver a better place to live, work, and play. Nominees need to volunteer on a [City board, agency, or committee](#), or with a group that receives support from the City.

***Diversity and Inclusion Award***

Celebrates the leadership of those who support inclusion, and advocate for communities to be free of racism and discrimination.

Consideration will be given to applicants whose work supports diversity and inclusion related to ethnicity, age, ancestry, sexual orientation, religion, gender identity, and socioeconomic status.

The Diversity and Inclusion Award celebrates outstanding leadership to foster inclusion across diverse communities. We are looking for organizations, individuals and youth who demonstrate exemplary action, leadership and service to communities with diverse experiences and identities including ethnicity, age, ancestry, sexual orientation, religion, gender identity and economic status. Consideration of this award will also be given to those who work to promote inclusion and accessibility for immigrants and refugees including contributions to the [Vancouver Immigration Partnership](#) initiative.

***Greenest City Leadership Award***

Recognizes those who have made significant contributions to advancing our goal of becoming the [Greenest City](#) in the world.

Whether they help protect our climate, reduce waste, support local food or enhance our natural spaces, these award recipients are environmental leaders.

***Healthy City for All Award***

Recognizes those who lead projects that create a thriving, healthy, and liveable city for everyone. In particular, projects that advance these [Healthy City Strategy](#) goal areas:

- Healthy Human Services (destigmatization, harm reduction, and peer-support related to the overdose crisis)
- Making Ends Meet and Working Well (community economic development, social enterprise, and jobs for youth or other groups with barriers to employment)
- Cultivating Connections (helping Vancouverites connect with each other and reduce social isolation)

***Is there an award for businesses this year?***

Businesses are eligible to be nominated for any of the City of Vancouver *Awards of Excellence*.

***Who can't be nominated for an Award of Excellence?***

Nominations for City of Vancouver employees, elected officials and self-nominations from Individuals seeking to be nominated will not be accepted.

***How can you nominate a person or organization for an Award of Excellence?***

Please visit [www.vancouver.ca/awards-of-excellence](http://www.vancouver.ca/awards-of-excellence) and fill out the online form by **5pm on April 17, 2020.**

**How will award recipients be selected?**

All nomination forms will be received online at [www.vancouver.ca/awards-of-excellence](http://www.vancouver.ca/awards-of-excellence). The nominations will then be reviewed to ensure that they meet eligibility criteria. Eligible nominations will be reviewed by City Council's Nomination Sub-Committee. Once the shortlist has been determined, the Nomination Sub-Committee will make final recommendations to Vancouver City Council. Council will make the final selection in-camera.

**What are the criteria for nominee selection?**

When considering the achievements and activities of a nominee, the Nomination Sub-Committee will consider:

- The achievement itself
- Creativity and innovation
- Scope of influence and inspiration the achievement has had.
- Impact for lasting positive change and the method in which activities were performed

**Additional Awards to highlight in the Awards of Excellence program**

The Mayor's Achievement Award is an award granted to an individual, a child or youth and an organization. The award recipients are selected personally by Mayor Kennedy Stewart and are not subject to the public nomination process.

**What is the Mayor's Achievement Award?**

The Mayor's Achievement Award recognizes those who have a legacy and reputation for making life better for a broad segment of our population. In particular, those who made Vancouver shine with their long-term commitment to public engagement and volunteering. Recipients are selected by the Mayor and are not open for public nomination.

**\$500 Bursary for Child and Youth Recipients**

**Is it true that a \$500 bursary will be granted to each child and youth Award of Excellence recipient?**

On December 13, 2016, City Council approved a \$500 bursary for each child and youth recipient of an *Award of Excellence*. All child and youth recipients will receive a \$500 bursary with their award.

**Is the \$500 bursary available to adult and organization recipients?**

No. City Council only approved a \$500 bursary for children and youth recipients who are 21 years and younger.



### Generic Posts:

- Do you know someone who has made an impact on our city? Nominate them for #CoVAwards: <http://ow.ly/hXFR50yGVlx>
- Honour someone with a nomination for @CityofVancouver #CoVAwards: <http://ow.ly/hXFR50yGVlx>

### Specific Tweets:

- @CityofVancouver #CoVAwards nom's are now open! Nominate a friend or org that goes above and beyond: <http://ow.ly/hXFR50yGVlx>
- @CityofVancouver #CoVAwards recognizes impact across 5 categories. Learn more and nominate! <http://ow.ly/hXFR50yGVlx>

### Specific Tweet for **April 10<sup>th</sup>**:

- Just 1 week remains for nominations for @CityofVancouver #CoVAwards! Nominate before April 17 at 5 pm <http://ow.ly/hXFR50yGVlx>

### Specific Tweet for **April 17<sup>th</sup>**:

- Today's the day! Nominate those who have made an impact for @CityofVancouver #CoVAwards before 5 pm today <http://ow.ly/hXFR50yGVlx>

### Specific Facebook Posts:

Do you know someone who has made an impact in our community? Nominate them for the City of Vancouver's Awards of Excellence #CoVAwards. Nominations are open from today to **April 17<sup>th</sup>**, at 5 pm!  
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Child and youth recipients will receive a \$500 bursary with their Award of Excellence! Nominate an impressive youth today for the City of Vancouver's Awards of Excellence #CoVAwards, until **April 17<sup>th</sup>** at 5 pm: <http://ow.ly/hXFR50yGVlx>

Ever wondered what categories are open for the City of Vancouver's Awards of Excellence? #CoVAwards

They are:

- Civic Volunteer Award [1] [SEP]
- Greenest City Leadership Award [1] [SEP]
- Healthy City for All Award [1] [SEP]
- Diversity and Inclusion Award [1] [SEP]
- Accessible City Award [1] [SEP]

If you know someone who you believe qualifies for an award, please consider nominating them. Nominations are open from now until **April 17<sup>th</sup>** at 5 pm: <http://ow.ly/hXFR50yGVlx>



## Past Award of Excellence Recipients 2014-2019

### Accessible City Award recipients

	Individual Award	Organization Award	Youth Award
2014	Greg Pyc	The Kettle Friendship Society	Darwin Balino
2015	Jeanette Andersen	Realwheels	No Recipient
2016	Peggy Assinck with the Learn to Play Sledge Hockey Program	Centre for Accessible Post-secondary Education Resources BC (CAPER-BC)	Sarah Fletcher
2017	Trevor Mills	Physical Activity Research Centre	No Recipient
2018	Michael Blondé	Western Institute for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	No Recipient
2019	Tanny Marks	All Bodies Dance Project	Allie Janowicz

### Civic Volunteer Award recipients

	Individual Award	Organization Award	Youth Award
2014	Wendy Williams	Vancouver Remembrance Day Committee	Mabel James
2015	Mary Lynn Baum	Members of the Citizens' Assembly on the Grandview-Woodland Community Plan	Linh Diep
2016	Rob Haynes	Vancouver Emergency Community Telecommunications Organization (VECTOR)	Nicole Hou
2017	Lorna Gibbs	Brock Fahrni Volunteer Team	Shawna Turai
2018	Lillian Howard	West End – Coal Harbour Community Policing Centre	Nushaiba Nanjiba
2019	Kyla Epstein	Community Veterinary Outreach	Shaheema Nalir



**Diversity and Inclusion Award recipients**

	Individual Award	Organization Award	Youth Award
2014	Chief Dr. Robert Joseph	QMUNITY	Diego Cardona
2015	Jaime Adams	Vancouver Street Soccer League	Roan Reimer
2016	David Ng	Pacific Immigrant Resources Society	Golsa Golestaneh
2017	Zool Suleman	Out On Screen Film & Video Society's Out in Schools Program	No Recipient
2018	David C. Jones	PACE Society	Shivani Mysuria
2019	Michelle Nahanee	Migrante BC	Robin Holmes

**Greenest City Leadership Award recipients**

	Individual Award	Organization Award	Youth Award
2014	Louise Schwarz	Fresh Roots Urban Farm Society	Aaron Leung
2015	Allen Garr	Vancouver-based Climate Smart Certified Businesses	Tesicca Truong
2016	Doug Wilson	Trout Lake Youth Council	Kimberley Wong
2017	Dr. Tara Moreau	Binners' Project – Tides Canada	Alvin Chan
2018	George Patrick Richard Benson	London Drugs	Maggie Fong
2019	Ian Li	Hua Foundation	Jolina Li

**Healthy City for All Award recipients**

	Individual Award	Organization Award	Youth Award
2014	Dr. Michael Krausz	Ending Violence Association of BC	Raymond (Zi Hao) Wu
2015	Maria Luz Fernandez	EMBERS Vancouver	Cecilia Bao
2016	Chris Taulu	Megaphone	Jan Lim
2017	Dr. Bill MacEwan	Hastings Sunrise Community Policing Centre	Vivian Tsang
2018	Carole Christopher	Local Economic Development Lab	Ellen Sy
2019	Sarah Helene Beley	Tayybeh: A Celebration of Syrian Cuisine	Yarrow Intergenerational Society for Justice

### Mayor's Achievement Award recipients

	Individual Award	Organization Award	Youth Award
2014	Katrina Pacey	Khalsa Diwan Society	Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School Senior Boys Basketball Team
2015	Dr. William "Bill" McMichael	Guangzhou-Vancouver Friendship Society	Alex Pang
2016	Janine Fuller	Tradeworks Training Society	Austin Wang
2017	Maxine Davis	Immigrant Services Society of BC	Jesse Costucci-Phillips
2018	Vanessa Richards	The Overdose Prevention Society	Marpole Students for Modular Housing
2019	Dr. Christy Sutherland	PHS Community Services Society	Urban Native Youth Association

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**Please forward this e-mail to friends, family and colleagues and encourage them to nominate someone special!**



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# AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

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

ACCESSIBLE CITY  
CIVIC VOLUNTEER  
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION  
GREENEST CITY LEADERSHIP  
HEALTHY CITY FOR ALL




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