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Dear Mayor and Council,

It is with great pleasure that we can announce the plan to resume the [Awards of Excellence](#), after a 2-year hiatus due to COVID.

The [Awards of Excellence](#) is a City of Vancouver awards program that recognizes outstanding civic achievements. The award categories are:

- Accessible City Award
- Civic Volunteer Award
- Diversity and Inclusion Award
- Greenest City Leadership Award
- Healthy City for All Award
- Mayor's Achievement Award (Note: This award is not subject to the public nomination process. Recipients are selected by the Mayor)

Nominations will be accepted online starting Tuesday, March 1st until Sunday, April 10th. 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. Eligible nominations are reviewed by the Nomination Sub-Committee, which makes recommendations to Council based on the criteria below:

- 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

Each award category can have up to 3 recipients, including one child or youth (21 years or younger), one individual, and one business or organization. Child and youth recipients receive a \$500 bursary with their *Award of Excellence*. The final selection of award recipients is done by Council. It is important to note that it is not a requirement for Council to grant all three awards per category, as awards should only be granted for outstanding achievements. Being selective in who receives the awards helps to ensure that they are highly-valued in the community, and allows staff to shine a brighter spotlight on the recipients' achievements.

We are aiming for an in-person event with awards presented by Mayor Stewart and City Councillors at a public ceremony on the **evening of May 30th** at the Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Centre. Please mark this date in your calendar. We will continue to monitor public health orders and adjust the ceremony plans as required.

Council is a key partner in promoting the awards and encouraging people to submit nominations. When nominations open on March 1, you will receive an email with information to help you promote the awards to the people and organizations in your networks.

If you have any questions about the Awards of Excellence program, please contact Bianca Jones, External Relations and Protocol Coordinator, at bianca.jones@vancouver.ca.

Best,
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