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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing the below news release the morning of May 31 detailing the winners of the Awards of Excellence and Freedom of the City Award, to follow this evening's ceremony.

Best,
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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

City of Vancouver
News Release
May 31, 2022

City recognizes outstanding civic leadership at the 2022 Awards of Excellence

The City of Vancouver honored various organizations, individuals and businesses who have made exceptional contributions that make Vancouver a greener, healthier, more accessible, and inclusive city during the 2022 Awards of Excellence ceremony held on May 30.

This year, the ceremony took place at the Roundhouse Community Arts & Recreation Centre, where the City also recognized those who have supported their communities through COVID-19 and the continued recovery efforts.

“Vancouver is a City that stands together and we saw that first-hand during the course of the pandemic,” said Mayor Kennedy Stewart. “We wanted to recognize and honour the outstanding contributions these dedicated organizations, businesses, and individuals have made to our community and I am grateful for the work they do everyday to make Vancouver better for everyone who calls this city home.”

Among this year's recipients was Dr. Yosef Wosk, recipient of the Freedom of the City award, in recognition of his philanthropic work benefiting libraries and museums, academic excellence, nature conservation, health care, community and social services, heritage preservation, humanities, reconciliation, and the arts in Vancouver and around the world.

The Freedom of the City is our highest, most prestigious award and was first granted in 1936. This honour is reserved for individuals and groups who have gained national or international acclaim in their field and brought recognition to Vancouver through their work. Recipients have their names inscribed in the Book of Freedoms.

The 2022 Awards of Excellence winners and Freedom of the City awardee, demonstrate the leadership and dedication of many organizations and individuals. This year's winners are listed below by category.

Accessible City Award:

- Organization – Dragon Boat BC
- Individual – Spencer van Vloten

Civic Volunteer Award:

- Organization – Marpole Mutual Aid Network
- Individual – Annie Danilko
- Youth – Liam Atticus Wong

Diversity and Inclusion Award:

- Organization – Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society of Vancouver
- Individual – Jerty Fernandez Gaa
- Youth – Khatira Daryabi

Greenest City Leadership Award:

- Organization – St. George Rainway Project
- Individual – Sophia Yang
- Youth – Rachel Dong

Healthy City for All Award:

- Organization – Jewish Family Services “the Kitchen”
- Individual – Darrell Burnham
- Youth – Otis Yuen

Mayor’s Achievement Award:

- Organization – Peer Overdose Responders

Freedom of the City:

- Yosef Wosk

For more information on the Awards of Excellence and categories, visit: <https://vancouver.ca/your-government/awards-of-excellence.aspx>

For a complete backgrounder with biographies of the 2022 Awards of Excellence winners, visit: <https://vancouver.ca/your-government/awards-of-excellence.aspx>

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Note to editors:

The ceremony was livestreamed on May 30. You may find a replay at the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xoCZykJu_rE

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