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Subject: Update: Awards of Excellence

Dear Mayor and Council,

The purpose of this email is to inform Council of a proposal by the City Clerk's Office to change the [Awards of Excellence](#) from an annual awards ceremony to a biannual ceremony.

The *Awards of Excellence* recognize outstanding achievements made by adults, youth and organizations. We celebrate excellence in five categories of achievement (for a total of 15 awards) that benefit everyone by making Vancouver more green, healthy, diverse and accessible. The five categories are: Accessible City, Civic Volunteer, Diversity and Inclusion, Healthy City for All and Greenest City Leadership.

Nominations for these five categories come from City staff or members of the community with recipients either working, living, volunteering or going to school in Vancouver. Additionally, the Mayor's Achievement Awards is included in the ceremony (award recipients selected by the Mayor's Office.) The award recipients are reviewed by the Nomination Sub-Committee and recommendations are put forward to Council for approval. The awards are presented at an evening ceremony, usually taking place at Roundhouse Community Centre, attended by Mayor, Council and members of the community.

In recent years we have seen a decline in nominations, despite dedicated staff time and in-depth promotional campaigns, making the validity of the selection process more challenging. Going forward, the awards would be granted every 2 years with the next ceremony taking place in the Spring of 2024. We hope that this will help generate an influx of nominations.

If you have any questions or concerns about this change, please contact bianca.jones@vancouver.ca

Best,
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