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Dear Mayor and Council,

Nominations for the newly revamped [2025 Awards of Excellence](#) closes at midnight on **Sunday, August 10th**. So far, only 9 nominations have been received and we're hoping for at least 30 more to make this year's awards program a success!

We need you to promote the awards and encourage your network to nominate the individuals and organizations who are making Vancouver a great place to live, work and play.

The *2025 Awards of Excellence* is a wonderful opportunity to recognize individuals and organizations helping make Vancouver the vibrant, innovative, more inclusive, and prosperous city that it is. The City works with so many external partners to achieve our goals, and this is our chance to show our appreciation and shine a light on their work.

Please forward the attached email to your contacts. I also encourage you and your staff to submit nominations for any individuals and organizations you think should be recognized. (List of previous recipients attached)

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Bianca Jones, A/Chief of Protocol [bianca.jones@vancouver.ca](mailto:bianca.jones@vancouver.ca).

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

Thanks,

Karen

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## **Past *Award of Excellence* Recipients 2015-2022**

### **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	Individual category	All Bodies Dance Project	Allie Janowicz
2022	Spencer van Vloten	Dragon Boat BC	-

\*See recipients for 2011-2013 below

### **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
2022	Annie Danilko	Marpole Mutual Aid Network	Liam Atticus Wong

### **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	Roan Reimer

		League	
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
2022	Jerty Fernandez Gaa	Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden Society of Vancouver	Khatira Daryabi

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

#### **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	Binnars' Project – Tides Canada	Alvin Chan
2018	George Patrick Richard Benson	London Drugs	Maggie Fong
2019	Ian Li	Hua Foundation	Jolina Li
2022	Sophia Yang	St. George Railway Project	Rachel Dong

#### **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

2022	Darrell Burnham	Jewish Family Services “The Kitchen”	Otis Yuen
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#### **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
2022	-	Peer Overdose Society	-

#### **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  
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Collingwood Neighbourhood House  
Carousel Theatre  
Mount Saint Joseph Hospital  
Early Childhood Multicultural Services

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Nominations for the newly revamped *2025 Awards of Excellence* are open! The *Awards of Excellence* recognize outstanding achievements made by individuals ? adults, youth and children ? organizations, and businesses who are making Vancouver a vibrant, innovative, more inclusive and prosperous city.

The nomination process is quick, easy and straightforward and can be done online until **midnight** on **Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>** at [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.

Children and youth recipients will receive a **\$500 bursary** with their Award of Excellence! Nominate an outstanding youth today!

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







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