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Dear Mayor and Council,

Thank you very much for confirming your attendance and participation at this year's City of Vancouver Awards Ceremony taking place on Wednesday, October 15th in the Exhibition Hall at the Roundhouse Community Arts and Recreation Centre from 5:00-8:30 pm.

This year, the ceremony will recognize the *Vancouver Book Award 2025*, the *Awards of Excellence* and the *Vancouver Heritage Awards* in one exciting evening!

We have a full and entertaining program planned that the whole audience will enjoy. The final event itinerary and list of recipients is attached for your reference and information.

Please arrive at the venue by 5:00 pm to enjoy the pre-ceremony reception. As members of Council, your role will be to host the award winners, their friends, family and supporters during the reception. For those who have already submitted their list of guests, they have been added to the guestlist. The pre-ceremony reception will take place from 5:00 and 6:00 pm. It is a stand-up reception with light canapés. Please note that non-alcoholic drinks will be provided at no cost, and a cash bar will be available to purchase wine and beer (\$7-\$8)

The ceremony will begin at 6:00 pm (with an introduction from myself and MC'd by Corrie Okell) and will include award presentations to the *Vancouver Book Award* recipient, the 21 *Awards of Excellence* winners and 7 *Vancouver Heritage Award* recipients award, plus entertainment by musical performers *Argel MDR*.

As in past years, each Councillor will have a role in the ceremony. Please see the below list and the attached itinerary for an outline of your role. Councillors will be co-presenting the *Awards of Excellence* portion of the evening with Mayor Sim. Roles are allocated based on alphabetical order and the number of awards being presented in each category.

- Councillor Bligh – *Leadership in Reconciliation Award (2 recipients)*
- Councillor Dominato - *Impact in Innovation Award (3 recipients)*

- Councillor Fry & Councillor Kirby-Yung - *Vibrant Vancouver Award (4 recipients)*
- Councillor Maloney & Councillor Meiszner - *Entrepreneurial Cornerstone (4 recipients)*
- Councillor Montague - *Event Excellence Award (2 recipients)*
- Councillor Orr & Councillor Zhou- *Champion of Change Award (3 recipients)*

The MC will invite each of you up to the stage when it is your turn to co-present your assigned award with Mayor Sim. Please present the award and pose for a photo with the recipient. No speaking is required. You will all have reserved seats in the front row for easy access to the stage.

If you have any questions about your role in the ceremony or if you would like further information, please contact [Bianca.Jones@vancouver.ca](mailto:Bianca.Jones@vancouver.ca).

If you need to contact Bianca on the day of the awards ceremony, please call her cell phone at 604-679-6527.

Thanks,  
Donny



Donny van Dyk (he/him)  
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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x̱m̱ ḵ y̱ m̱ (Musqueam), S̱ wxw̱7mesh (Squamish), and s̱ lilw̱ ta̱ (Tseil-Waututh) Nations.

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**5:00 pm**

Arrival and Pre-Ceremony Reception

**6:00 pm**

Awards Ceremony begins with special performance by Argel MDR

**6:25 pm**

Presentation of Vancouver Book Award

**6:35 pm**

Presentation of Mayor's Achievement Award

**6:45 pm**

Presentation of Awards of Excellence (6 categories)

**7:45 pm**

Second performance by Argel MDR

**7:55 pm**

Presentation of Vancouver Heritage Awards

**8:30 pm**

Awards Ceremony concludes

## **Awards of Excellence - 2025**

### *Mayor's Achievement Award*

Youth: **Audrey Lam Kei Sung**

Individual: **Chris Ferguson**

Organization: **Khalsa Diwan Society**

### *Leadership in Reconciliation Award*

Youth: **N/A**

Individual: **Charlotte Mearns**

Organization: **seed2STEM**

### *Impact in Innovation Award*

Youth: **Gabriel Dalton**

Individual: **Brian Wong**

Organization: **Zero Emissions Innovation Centre**

### *Vibrant Vancouver Award*

Youth: **Jenna Dong**

Individual: **Becki Chan**

Individual: **Drew Young**

Organization: **Downtown Vancouver BIA**

### *Entrepreneurial Cornerstone Award*

Youth: **Christopher Lee**

Individual: **Celine Bacani**

Individual: **Rebecca Bollwitt**

Organization: **Community Impact Real Estate Society**

### *Event Excellence Award*

Youth: **N/A**

Individual: **Karen Christiansen**

Organization: **BrandLIVE**

### *Champion of Change Award*

Youth: **Jasmine Luk**

Individual: **Jessica Kruger**

Organization: **Backpacks for Babies**

