

History of Citizen Recognition for the City of Prince George

Pre-2020	Post-2020
<p><u>Committee Awards</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heritage Places (Heritage Commission) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognized physical places in Prince George with heritage/historical significance. Access Award of Merit (Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominations adjudicated by the Committee and awarded to individuals or organizations who made an outstanding contribution <u>above and beyond</u> what is required by law or regulation to improve accessibility in a series of determined areas. Certificate of Project Recognition (Advisory Committee on Development Design) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognized outstanding projects reviewed by the Committee during the previous year – adjudicated against a predetermined list of criteria. Community Acts of Kindness (Advisory Committee on Enhancing PG) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This award recognized individuals and groups whose actions have made a positive difference in the local community. From small gestures to big actions to modelling community spirit, improving neighbourhood safety or civic beautification, the Community Acts of Kindness Award honours those who play a role in enhancing Prince George. Creative Spirit Award (Heritage Commission) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented to school-age children for the winning heritage-related submission determined during the PG Regional Heritage Fair 	<p><u>Committee Awards</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heritage Places (Heritage Commission) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replaced with invitation to be included on the heritage register, a certificate representing that registration presented during Celebrating Success at a Council meeting. Access Award of Merit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Had not be awarded for several years due to lack of nominations. No longer exists with the re-alignment of the Accessibility Committee with the Accessible BC Act requirements. Certificate of Project Recognition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Was being re-evaluated as the current structure was difficult to adjudicate. Cancelled with the dissolution of the Advisory Committee on Development Design Community Acts of Kindness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moved to an in-house (Administrative) award system based on community nomination and ultimately phased out completely. Creative Spirit Award (Heritage Commission) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The award is a “PG Regional Heritage Fair” award that has historically been sponsored by the Heritage Commission with a

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<p><u>Awards Programs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth of the Year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Youth were nominated and selected for outstanding contributions in service and dedication to the community • Volunteer Awards 	<p><u>Awards Programs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
<p><u>Grants</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants programs (i.e.: myPG, Limited Duration, etc.) 	<p><u>Grants</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants programs (i.e.: myPG, Limited Duration, etc.)

<u>Scholarships and Bursaries</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNC • UNBC • SD57 	<u>Scholarships and Bursaries</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CNC • UNBC • SD57
<u>Other Programs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student-Council Mentorship 	<u>Other Programs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None

In 2020,

- The City reviewed the various channels and processes currently in place to recognize and engage citizens who do great work on behalf of the City through committees, commissions, volunteerism, and acts of kindness.
- The Civic Appreciation event was to become the premier annual event for Mayor and Council to celebrate the great work being done throughout the community through our volunteers, community associations, and nonprofit organizations. All future awards should be distributed at this event.
- Grant recipients received their grant funding in the mail instead of during a bi-yearly cheque presentation. A letter from the Mayor was included in their grant funding package indicating that they will be invited to attend the 2021 Civic Appreciation Event. Photos and a brief summary of how they used the City's grant to enrich the quality of life in our community will be collected and presented during the event.
- Bursaries and Scholarships refined with the following criteria: "That the recipient demonstrate how they have contributed to the social health and well-being, or economic prosperity, or the environmental sustainability of the City of Prince George."

Peer Municipality Scan

Abbotsford	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Order of Abbotsford<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Order of Abbotsford represents the highest form of recognition the City can extend to its residents. The Order of Abbotsford is bestowed upon individuals who have given a particularly high level of long-term service and contribution to the City; and have brought distinction to themselves and the City by outstanding achievements in a variety of areas, including but not limited to: culture, public or community service, the environment, heritage conservation and sports. Nominations for acts of bravery are not eligible for the Order of Abbotsford. View the Civic Awards and Recognition Policy for more information.2. Community Champions<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Community Champion Achievement Award will be presented to an Abbotsford individual, group, or organization who have achieved National or International recognition in a variety of areas, including, but not limited to: academia, sports, arts and culture; or perform a noteworthy deed which is considered of benefit to the community (i.e. an act of bravery).3. Community Recognition<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any individual, team or group who has provided a service and/or contribution which has benefitted the community, is eligible.4. Congratulatory Certificate<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mayor and Council are happy to recognize City residents who are celebrating their 50th+ wedding anniversary and 90th+ birthday. If you are interested in receiving a Congratulatory Certificate from the Mayor, please complete the online form below.
Burnaby	Awards Page <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Citizens' Plaza Pavers<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Citizens' Plaza Pavers honours distinctive connections of individuals and businesses to Burnaby.2. City of Burnaby Bursary Awards<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The City of Burnaby Bursary Awards provides financial support to students who demonstrate leadership and community involvement.3. Environmental Awards<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environment Awards celebrate individuals or organizations who have made significant contributions to the sustainability of Burnaby's environment.4. Outstanding Volunteer Awards<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Kushiro Cup honours an outstanding citizen who has volunteered an extraordinary amount of their time to cultural, recreational or other non-elected civic activities.5. Public Safety and Community Awards

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Safety and Community Awards recognize individuals who have shown bravery and courage against a crime. <p>6. Youth Week Citizenship Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Week Citizenship Awards celebrates Burnaby's young people who have volunteered their time and skills, contributed to the community and are great citizens.
Kamloops	<p>1. Exemplary Service Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each year, City Council formally acknowledges individuals who have dedicated their time and service to the City. The selected citizens receive an Exemplary Service Award as formal recognition of their contributions to the community. <p>2. Overlander/Pioneer Spirit Award</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Pioneer Spirit Award is only presented in exceptional circumstances and for extraordinary accomplishments.
Kelowna	<p>Awards Page</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Honour in the Arts (Teen and Other) Citizen of the Year Sports Awards Volunteer Organization of the Year Corporate Community of the Year Champion for the Environment
Mission	<p>Community Service Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City of Mission Community Service Awards honour those who have demonstrated exemplary volunteerism within our community. Celebrated biennially, the most recent awards ceremony took place on April 11, 2024 at the Clarke Theatre. The next awards ceremony will take place in the spring of 2026 with the call for nominations period commencing in the fall of 2025. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Service Arts & Culture Crime Prevention & Community Safety Jenny Stevens Diversity and Inclusion Sports Volunteer Special Accomplishment Lifetime Achievement Citizen of the Year
Nanaimo	<p>Awards Page</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Civic Sport Merit Awards and Arts & Culture Merit Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognition for outstanding achievement in sports or arts and culture

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Emerging Cultural Leader Award <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This award recognizes up-and-coming, Nanaimo-based cultural leaders. 3. Excellence in Culture Award <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This award is presented to an organization or individual that has achieved regional and/or national recognition and is recognized as a "Nanaimo artist", demonstrating excellence in their field, and a significant inspiration to others. 4. Green Nanaimo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every two years, we recognize individuals, local businesses, schools and non-profit groups throughout Nanaimo that make valuable contributions to the City's environment. 5. Heritage Building Rehabilitation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage Building Rehabilitation Awards recognizes efforts made by property owners to conserve and rehabilitate Nanaimo's registered heritage buildings 6. Honour in Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This award recognizes an individual, group or corporation who demonstrates outstanding support, advocacy, promotion or interpretation of Nanaimo's arts culture and history. 7. Honour in Heritage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This award acknowledges an individual, group or corporation known for their dedication to and support of the development of Nanaimo's cultural fabric. 8. John Thomson Heritage Memorial <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The John Thomson Heritage Memorial Award honours individuals who demonstrate outstanding lifetime heritage service and dedication to the community 9. Patron/Companion of the City 10. Patron of the City award recognizes outstanding achievement and selfless volunteerism
White Rock	Outstanding Canadians on the Peninsula <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Rock Outstanding Canadians on the Peninsula Legacy Program is the primary program for recognizing the contributions of citizens in making White Rock a successful, vibrant and harmonious community.
Victoria	Honourary Citizen Award <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Honourary Citizen Award program was established in 1970. It is an official recognition of persons who has served the community meritoriously in any walk of life, often in a volunteer capacity and without recognition. • The awards are presented every four years. The next awards will be presented in 2025. Nomination packages will be made available in spring 2025.