

Proposed Program Framework

AWARD NAME: Prince George Medal of Excellence and Good Citizenship

AWARD STYLE: Custom-designed medal, ideally made of wood, with a ribbon in the colours of the Prince George flag. Worn on the right side in alignment with Canadian Honours protocol

AWARD ACCOMPANIMENT: A customized matching lapel-pin that recipients can wear more regularly where wearing the medal may not be appropriate

LEGACY COMPONENT: A tree planted in each recipient's honour in a City park or space, with a certificate noting its location, date planted, and the honouree's name

Committee has suggested a variety of options of awards/accompaniments/legacy

RECIPIENTS/ELIGIBILITY: Up to five recipients per year, with only Residents of Prince George, or in rare circumstances individuals who have positively impacted Prince George. Can be awarded posthumously. Active elected officials, and City staff, and are not eligible.

RECOGNITION SCOPE: Broad-based community excellence, innovation, leadership, impact, courage, generosity, and more

Committee wants to ensure that this Program remains separate from other organizations' awards

DELIVERY MODEL: Potential third-party delivery partnership with the PG Community Foundation (to be explored in greater detail)

Committee is exploring different options, methods, and leads for delivery of the event

EXECUTION: PGCF, if in agreement to be the service delivery partner, could manage the nomination intake, adjudication panel, and overall program coordination. The City would support promotion of program, and communications support. The two would collaborate to host the annual recognition event

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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR: The Committee could explore discussions with the PGCF to revive its previously paused "Citizen of the Year" program, potentially designating one of the annual medal recipients with that honour

PUBLIC ARCHIVE: Recipients would be recorded in a permanent civic honours archive on the City website along with previous civic honours and the Freedom of the City

Committee has suggested both City hosted webpage and the possibility of a physical location as well

SUSTAINABILITY: Distributing the honour through a ticketed event model could help seed a fund held by PGCF to support the long-term delivery of the program, with a goal of making it self-sustaining over time

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