

NEWS RELEASE

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Diana Johnstone made Freeman of the City

Former City Councillor honoured for 30 years of community service

Summary

Longtime community advocate and former City Councillor, Diana Johnstone, has been awarded Nanaimo's highest civic honour - Freedom of the City. During a ceremony held Monday, February 16, Nanaimo Mayor, Bill McKay, presented Mrs. Johnstone with a medal recognizing her three decades of community support, volunteering and committee work.

Strategic Link: N/A

Key Points

- Mrs. Johnstone becomes the 32nd recipient of Nanaimo's Freedom of the City Honour, the highest civic honour given by the City.
- The honour of Freedom of the City is reserved for individuals of exceedingly high merit to honour their lifetime of achievement in supporting the livability of Nanaimo or who have gained national or international acclaim in arts, business, humanities, politics, community service or sports.

Quotes

"For over 30 years, Diana's presence and commitment has touched the lives of many individuals and continues to touch the community as a whole. She is a true leader in every sense of the word and generates leadership qualities in others while being creative and rising to the occasion."

Bill McKay
Mayor
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- Committee positions Mrs. Johnstone has held include: Progress Nanaimo, School District Joint Use Committee, Municipal Insurance Association of BC, Parks, Recreation and Culture, Yes Nanaimo Committee, Social Planning Committee, Cultural Capitals of Canada Board, Port Theatre Board of Directors.
- Volunteer positions Mrs. Johnstone has held include: Tourism Nanaimo, BC Games Mission Staff, Salmon Festival, Canada Games, Canadian Water Ski Championships, Nanaimo Seniors Games, BC Disability Games, BC Summer Games, Canadian Water Ski Championships, Cultural Capital of Canada Committee.

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