

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Council Announces 2016 Culture & Heritage Award Recipients**

*City to recognize excellence in culture and heritage*

#### **Summary**

Each year, the City of Nanaimo recognizes individuals and groups that make Nanaimo a more culturally vibrant city. Council has approved the following recipients for the 2016 Culture & Heritage Awards:

EXCELLENCE IN CULTURE - Ms. Susan Juby  
HONOUR IN CULTURE - Ms. Debbie Trueman  
EMERGING CULTURAL LEADER - Ms. Alyssa Glassford  
JOHN THOMSON HERITAGE MEMORIAL - Mr. John Hofman

Recognition of these recipients will take place at a special awards ceremony to be held at the Port Theatre on April 13, 2016. Tickets and ceremony details will be advertised prior to the event. Everyone is welcome to attend.

*Strategic Link:* The Culture & Heritage Awards further the goals of the Cultural Vitality (Creativity, Diversity, Heritage and Innovation) Pillar of the Strategic Plan.

#### **Key Points**

- The Excellence in Culture Award honours organizations and individuals that have achieved regional and/or national recognition in the field of arts and culture (visual, performing or literary arts).
- The Honour in Culture Award honours groups, corporations or individuals that are known for their dedication and support of the development of the cultural fabric of Nanaimo.
- The Emerging Cultural Leader Award recognizes up-and-coming Nanaimo-based cultural leaders. The award recognizes that a thriving Nanaimo cultural community includes leaders who choose to live and contribute to the cultural life of Nanaimo.
- The John Thomson Heritage Memorial Award is presented to individuals who demonstrate outstanding heritage service and dedication to the community.

#### **Quotes**

"These awards recognize the best of Nanaimo's arts and cultural volunteers and creative talent. The work of these dedicated volunteers and professionals contributes to a sense of cultural vitality and pride within our community."

Bill McKay  
Mayor  
City of Nanaimo

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