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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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