

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **City Seeking Public Nominations for 2018 Culture & Heritage Awards**

*Deadline for nominations is Friday, November 17 (no later than 4:30 pm)*

#### **Summary**

The City of Nanaimo is seeking public nominations for the 2018 Culture & Heritage Awards. The awards recognize outstanding organizations, groups and individuals in the arts, culture & heritage fields.

#### AWARD CATEGORIES:

- EXCELLENCE IN CULTURE
- HONOUR IN CULTURE
- EMERGING CULTURAL LEADER
- HONOUR IN HERITAGE *NEW AWARD CATEGORY*
- JOHN THOMSON HERITAGE MEMORIAL

This is your opportunity to recognize people and groups you believe have made a significant contribution to making Nanaimo a culturally vibrant city. Recipients are recognized at a special celebration at the Port Theatre in April 2018.

Nomination forms are available online at [www.nanaimo.ca](http://www.nanaimo.ca) attached to this press release, or by contacting us directly. The deadline for nominations is Friday, November 17, 2017 no later than 4:30 pm.

*Strategic Link:* The Culture & Heritage Awards support “Cultural Vitality” by supporting culture as an integral part of everyday life in Nanaimo. As well, they support the 2014-2020 Cultural Plan for a Creative Nanaimo by strengthening the Creative Sector, Connectivity: Connecting people, communities and ideas.

#### **Key Points**

- The EXCELLENCE IN CULTURE award is presented to an organization or individual that has achieved regional and/or national recognition in the field of arts and is recognized as a “Nanaimo artist”, demonstrating excellence in their field, and a significant inspiration to others.
- The HONOUR IN CULTURE award is presented to an individual, group or corporation that is known for their dedication and support of the development of Nanaimo’s cultural sector.
- The EMERGING CULTURAL LEADER award recognizes up-and-coming, Nanaimo-based cultural leaders. This award targets individuals under 30 years of age who have contributed significantly to the cultural life in Nanaimo.
- The JOHN THOMSON HERITAGE MEMORIAL award recognizes individuals who demonstrate outstanding lifetime heritage service and dedication to the community. A new award category (HONOUR IN HERITAGE)

has been added for 2018. The award recognizes individuals, groups and corporations who demonstrate outstanding support, advocacy, promotion or interpretation of Nanaimo's heritage and history.

## Quotes

"These awards recognize the best of Nanaimo's arts, culture and heritage volunteers, as well as their creative talent. The work of these amazing volunteers and creative professionals all contributes a sense of vitality and pride within our community."

Bill McKay  
Mayor  
City of Nanaimo

"The new Honour in Heritage category represents a broadening of the City's recognition of outstanding support, advocacy, promotion or interpretation work done by its citizens (including individuals groups and corporations) with respect to Nanaimo's heritage and history."

Chris Sholberg  
Heritage Planner  
City of Nanaimo

## Quick Facts

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