

POLICY TITLE	Freedom of the City
CATEGORY	Council
POLICY NUMBER	COUN-001
POLICY OWNER	City Manager's Office
ACCESS	Public

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish the process for awarding of the Freedom of the City by Vancouver City Council, in accordance with Section 205 of the Vancouver Charter.

SCOPE

This policy applies to Mayor and Council of the City of Vancouver.

DEFINITIONS

Freedom of the City The highest award that the City can bestow on an individual or organization to recognize their achievements and contributions to the city of Vancouver

POLICY STATEMENTS

1. Conditions for Award of Freedom of the City

City Council reserves the award of Freedom of the City for individuals and groups of exceedingly high merit who have made outstanding long-term contributions to Vancouver

Recipients have generally gained national and international acclaim in the arts, business, or philanthropy, and have brought recognition to Vancouver through the pursuit of their achievements.

2. Nomination by City Council

- 2.1.** Nominations for award of Freedom of the City should be presented by a member of Council in writing to the City Clerk and should clearly outline the accomplishments and/or the distinguished contribution that the individual or group has made to Vancouver.
- 2.2.** The City Clerk will bring the nomination forward to Council at an in-camera meeting for unanimous approval. Awarding of the Freedom of the City requires unanimous consent of Council.

3. Forms of Recognition

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

- 3.1. A recipient of the Freedom of the City shall:
- a. Have their name recorded in the City's Book of Freedoms;
 - b. Receive a certificate from the Mayor during a civic ceremony;
 - c. Receive a customized medal;
 - d. Receive a recreation card good for free admission to Park Board's pools, rinks and fitness centres. The recreation card will be issued for the life of the recipient.

APPROVAL HISTORY

Version 1	City Council	3/14/1978
Version 2	City Council	5/31/1988
Version 3	City Council	1/30/2018

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