



IN CAMERA

OTHER REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council  
FROM: Mayor's Office and Vancouver Economic Commission  
SUBJECT: Vancouver Awards of Excellence - Mayor's Achievement Awards and Business Innovation Awards

**IN CAMERA RATIONALE**

This report is recommended for consideration by Council on the In Camera agenda as it relates to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*: (b) personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for an award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the city on condition of anonymity.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- A. THAT Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School Senior Boys' Basketball Team be awarded an Award of Excellence under the category of Mayor's Achievement Award - Youth;

FURTHER THAT Khalsa Diwan Society be awarded an Award of Excellence under the category of Mayor's Achievement Award - Organization;

AND FURTHER THAT Katrina Pacey be awarded an Award of Excellence under the category of Mayor's Achievement Award - Individual.

- B. THAT Solegear Bioplastic be awarded an Award of Excellence under the category of Business Innovation Award - Green - Under 25 Employees;

FURTHER THAT Mills Office Productivity be awarded an Award of Excellence under the category of Business Innovation Award - Green - Over 25 Employees;

- C. THAT FundRazr be awarded an Award of Excellence under the category of Business Innovation Award - Technology - Under 25 Employees;
- FURTHER THAT Global Relay be awarded an Award of Excellence under the category of Business Innovation Award - Technology - Over 25 Employees.
- D. THAT Zeros 2 Heroes Media be awarded an Award of Excellence under the category of Business Innovation Award - Creative - Under 25 Employees;
- FURTHER THAT FCV Interactive be awarded an Award of Excellence under the category of Business Innovation Award - Creative - Over 25 Employees.
- E. THAT the recommended award recipients outlined in this report remain confidential until the announcement of the winners at the Awards of Excellence ceremony on June 23, 2014.

### ***REPORT SUMMARY***

This report recommends nominees for the Vancouver Awards of Excellence program.

### ***COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS***

On December 11, 2003, City Council approved selection criteria for appointments to civic agencies, and the establishment of a Nomination Subcommittee of Councillors to screen applications in accordance with those criteria. On January 13, 2004, City Council approved the selection process for making appointments.

On December 5, 2011, Councillors Elizabeth Ball, Kerry Jang and Andrea Reimer were appointed to the Nomination Subcommittee.

On May 27, 2014 City Council approved the award recipients for the Awards of Excellence in the Accessible City, Civic Volunteer, Diversity and Inclusion, Greenest City Leadership and Healthy City for All categories.

### ***CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS***

The City Manager recommends approval of the foregoing.

### ***REPORT***

#### ***Background/Context***

On May 27, 2014 Council approved the award recipient names for the following award categories:

- Accessible City Award
- Civic Volunteer Award
- Diversity and Inclusion Award

- Greenest City Leadership Award
- Healthy City for All Award

The In Camera report on May 27, 2014 noted that recipient recommendations for the Mayor's Achievement Award and Business Innovation Award would be forthcoming at the June 10<sup>th</sup> in camera meeting.

The Mayor's Achievement Award recipients outlined in recommendation A were selected personally by Mayor Robertson and were not subject to a public nomination or selection process.

The Business Innovation Award recipients outlined in recommendation B, C and D of this report were recommended by nine external judges selected by the Vancouver Economic Commission (VEC). The VEC reached out and engaged local experts in each of the Business Innovation Award sectors (green, technology and creative), to judge each category.

The VEC provided the judges with the nominations who in turn reviewed the merits of each nomination. Nominees were judged on their contribution to Vancouver in the areas of economic impact (jobs, revenues, and investment attraction) and business leadership (unique assets or processes that make the nominee stand out).

In the case of a tie, the VEC's own sector experts joined the adjudication committee and independently reviewed application documentation, casting a final vote.

Should Council approve the recommended award recipients outlined in this report, they will be recognized along with all Award of Excellence recipients at the Awards of Excellence ceremony on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Vancouver Playhouse.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Mayor's Office and the Vancouver Economic Commission have recommended the above-noted nominees, and recommends approval.

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