



## **BACKGROUND**

The Province's Medal of Good Citizenship for 2023 is a prestigious medal that recognizes people who, through exceptional long-term service, have made outstanding contributions to their local communities without expectation of remuneration or reward. These contributions are outside of paid employment or go beyond the parameters of what their job entails.

The medal acknowledges generosity, service, acts of selflessness and contributions to community life. Any current or former long-term resident of British Columbia is eligible including Individuals, couples, organizations or groups of three or more. Youth aged 15-25 and posthumous nominations are also welcome. Any individual or group may submit a nomination.

Nominations are due by Monday, Sept. 4, 2023, to be considered this year. Submissions received after this date will be considered for 2024.

Nomination must briefly explain why the nominating is being forwarded, a description of achievements (maximum 500 words) and 2 signed letters of support.

Examples of potential nominees include local community volunteers or those serving on a board of a non-profit or committee of Council without any payment. Nominations can be submitted online or through email.

The nomination form is included for information (attachment 1).

## **ANALYSIS**

Volunteers are essential to a strong, vibrant and livable community in New Westminster. There are many committees and community organizations that support the work of Council and the City.

Staff are forwarding the opportunity for nominations to be sent to the Province of British Columbia to be considered for the Province's Medal of Good Citizenship for 2023 and 2024.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications for this report.

## **OPTIONS**

1. Council accept this report for information to recommend volunteers from the City of New Westminster to be nominated for the Provinces Medal of Good Citizenship.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Province's Medal of Good Citizenship for 2023 recognizes people who, through exceptional long-term service, have made outstanding contributions to their local communities, without expectation of remuneration or reward. Medal recipients have demonstrated the highest level of kindness, selflessness, generosity and service to community life in British Columbia. Staff are forwarding the opportunity to encourage nominations to be considered for 2023 and 2024.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Nomination application

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