

AWARDS

FREEMAN AWARD

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POLICY

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- 1) The Freedom of the District of Mission is the highest award that Council can confer on a person or organization, for conspicuously exceptional and distinguished community service.
- 2) Nominees for the award will be vetted by the Chief Administrative Officer and the Executive Assistant prior to Council receiving the nominations. Council will receive and consider only the nominations that meet the criteria in paragraph 5.
- 3) The award may only be conferred by a unanimous vote of Council.
- 4) Given the substantive and stringent requirements that any nominee must meet, Council recognizes that there may be no suitable candidates for the award at any given time.
- 5) To receive the Freedom of the District of Mission the following requirements shall apply:
 - a) The individual or organization shall have established a history of broad community involvement and volunteer support in Mission, over a period of at least 2 decades.
 - b) The individual or organization shall have resided in Mission for at least 25 years.
- 6) The rights and privileges associated with the Freedom of the District of Mission shall be as provided for in the *Community Charter*.
- 7) The Freedom of the District of Mission Award will be presented by the Mayor at the District of Mission's Biennial Community Service Awards Ceremony/Volunteer Appreciation Event which will take place in the second and fourth year of each term of Council.
- 8) All Freeman shall be invited to the inaugural meeting of Council, and shall be formally introduced by the Mayor.