



## Freedom of the City

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### **Purpose:**

To provide guidelines for the honouring of individuals or military units with Freedom of the City.

### **Policy:**

Freedom of the City is the highest honour that a city can bestow upon an individual or military unit.

As an honour, Council may confer Freedom of the City through authority of the *Community Charter, s. 158*, by unanimous vote, on a distinguished individual who has made an outstanding contribution, or on a distinguished unit of the armed forces of Canada or another nation.

Submissions for consideration of Freedom of the City should be presented to Council in writing and should clearly outline the accomplishments and/or the distinguished contribution that the individual or military unit has made to Pitt Meadows specifically, or to British Columbia or Canada in general.

An individual may be awarded Freedom of the City for outstanding efforts or exemplary service to his/her country or community. Outstanding contributions may be related to the arts, business and commerce, humanities, politics, community service, sports, professional endeavors, or any other aspect of service that Council sees fit for honour.

Individuals being recommended for Freedom of the City shall be a qualified elector and eligible to vote in the City of Pitt Meadows (unless under 18 years of age, in which case the individual must be a citizen of Pitt Meadows).

If Freedom of the City is to be awarded, Council will determine details of the ceremony. A framed certificate will be presented to the individual or military unit.

At the pleasure of Council:

- a) the person honoured with Freedom of the City or the commander of the armed forces unit, as applicable shall be deemed to be an elector, and be registered as such, and be eligible to vote in an election for Mayor and Councillor in Pitt Meadows despite current or future residency; and
- b) if the person is a Canadian citizen, is qualified to be nominated, elected and hold office in the City of Pitt Meadows.