

THE CORPORATION OF THE  
**CITY OF WHITE ROCK**  
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**POLICY TITLE: FREEDOM OF THE CITY**

**POLICY NUMBER: COUNCIL - 112**

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**Policy:**

**DEFINITIONS:**

*Distinguished Person:* having a quality that sets a person above or apart from others, an individual who has created tremendous pride, given exemplary service to, or made an outstanding contribution to the City and its residents.

*Freedom of the City* will be awarded by White Rock City Council's unanimous vote as per the *Community Charter* entitled as "Freedom of the Municipality".

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

**PROCEDURE:**

Submissions for consideration of *Freedom of the City* should be presented to Council or by a Member of Council in writing and should clearly outline the accomplishments and/or the distinguished contribution that the individual or military unit (the *Community Charter* also permits a distinguished unit of the armed forces of Canada or other nation may be given this honour) has made to the City of White Rock, or to the province, federally or elsewhere.

In order to determine a deserving *distinguished person* and/or military unit who truly exemplifies the principles of distinction, the following questions, at a minimum, are to be considered at a closed meeting of Council:

Contribution: What has the person and/or military unit contributed or achieved that sets them apart?

Peer Recognition: Has the quality of the person's or military unit contribution or achievement been recognized by their peers as outstanding (milestone, defining and attaining a new standard, excellence in a field of endeavor) benefiting the people of the city, province, federally or elsewhere?

Worth: Has the person's or military unit's contribution or achievement made a significance improvement to our life or culture?

Duration: Has the person's or military unit's contribution been sustained over a number of years?

### **PROTOCOL FOR HONOURING RECIPIENT:**

The Recipient is to be honoured at a regular Council meeting.

Recipient receives the following:

- An explanation of the reasons why they are receiving the award
- Framed Certificate
- An invitation to formal City functions and special events
- A gift in value of approx. \$250

### **Rationale:**

To establish criteria for conferring *Freedom of the City* to honour a distinguished person and/or military unit and to establish protocol for honouring a recipient of *Freedom of the City*.