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Hello, Mayor Shepherd,

Just wanted to give you an idea of the concerns related to our Civic Awards "eligibility boundaries" discussion that we in the Athletics Committee struggle with. We want of course to do the best we can and are pleased that the Civic Awards Steering committee and Counsel are entering into this discussion.

Thanks,  
Barry

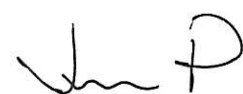
#### CIVIC AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE

The City of Kelowna is concerned about the Civic Awards policies regarding the selection of Civic Award Winners. A clear policy on who eligible is being developed to ensure that the awards go to citizens of Kelowna.

The Counsel therefore has issued a "**Must be current Residents of Kelowna**" statement and asks the Civic Awards Steering Committee to employ this. I received this information this morning at the Steering Committee Meeting. NEEDLESS to say I spoke up on this issue as we annually wrestle about eligibiliy issues in our Athletic Committee meetings every year.

A special meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday to discuss this regarding our sports awards. Counsellor Charlie Hodge, Jim Gabriel, Michael Loewen, Amber Gilbert and myself to meet next Wednesday Sept. 29th.

I need input from you as to how we might solve these issues we have discussed for years.



- 1). If a nominee is living outside of Kelowna, are they eligible?
  - a). If living in West Kelowna, Ellison District or Lake Country, but **does** play on a Kelowna team or individual Kelowna based athletic organization.
  
  - b). If attends a College/University outside of Kelowna and may or may not be a Kelowna resident. Last year our Athletes of the Year were Heather Mandoli & Scott Frandsen who both competed in the Olympics and are at Universities outside Kelowna. I believe Scott resides in Victoria and Heather comes home for the summer.
  
  - c). If plays a semi or professional sport and may or may not be a resident.

Our position in the past has been that we have nominees each year who are either in school or living in another area that grew up and developed their skills in Kelowna. They are evaluated on a case by case discussion and consensus.

- 2). If an athlete moves to Kelowna and participates in sports; are they eligible?
  - a). at UBCO ( individual athlete).
  
  - b). Rockets, Sun, Challenge etc.(Shea Webber, Josh Georges)
  
  - c). Steve Omischl who probably will win a Medal in 2010. He moved here, competes on the world tour and tells the press he is representing Kelowna.
  
  - d). Dave Barr, developed his skills here and perfected and developed them as a result of competing as a professional and now lives in West Kelowna....would he be eligible?

We have collectively debated these points for years and I know these are very difficult and sensitive matters. Please respond as I want to represent your views. Are there other issues or considerations on these issues or other issues. Please respond.

Barry

**Steve Omischl de Kelowna, C.-B. - gold**

medal

