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Freedom of the City

Brigadier H.H. (Harry) Angle

Barbara Ann Scott

George Howard Dunn

William Andrew Cecil Bennett

Stanley Merriam Simpson

Dr. William John Knox

British Columbia Dragoons

Major General George
Randolph Pearkes

Richard Francis Parkinson

Dr. Walter Frederick Anderson

Blair James Horn

William Richards Bennett

James H. Stuart

Ben Lee

Sen. Ross Fitzpatrick

Male Athlete of the Year

Augie Ciancone Memorial
Award - Male

Augie Ciancone Memorial
Award - Female

Bryan Couling Memorial
Athletic Team of the Year
Award

Central Okanagan Foundation
Volunteer Organization of the
Year Award

Teen Honour in the Arts
Awards

Honour in the Arts Award

Woman of the Year - Sarah
Donalda Treadgold Memorial
Award

Man of the Year - Fred Macklin
Memorial Award

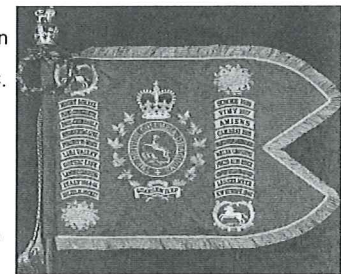
Young Male Citizen of the
Year Award

Young Female Citizen of the

British Columbia Dragoons February 11th, 1963

The British Columbia Dragoons were honoured for their long and distinguished service as a military regiment in the Okanagan.

First mention of an Okanagan military presence can be found in the Vernon News of 1898, official history begins in 1908 with the formation of "B" Squadron, Canadian Mounted Rifles, in Vernon. In 1910 permission was given to form a Calvary Regiment known as the 30th B.C. Horse. When war broke out in 1914 the 30th B.C. Horse amalgamated with the Victoria Independent Squadron to form the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles. In June 1915 the regiment joined the 1st Canadian Mounted Rifles Brigade in England; once in France the brigade was converted into infantry and fought through to the end of the war present at every major engagement in which the Canadian Corps took part.



The 2nd C.M.R.'s returned to Canada in 1919 and in 1920 the regiment once again became a mounted unit known as the First British Columbia Mounted Rifles. The name subsequently became the British Columbia Dragoons. The B.C. Dragoons trained as cavalry until the outbreak of the Second World War in 1939; "B" Squadron was headquartered in Kelowna.

In 1940 a slate of officers from the B.C. Dragoons was used to form the 5th Canadian Motor Cycle Regiment, which then became the 9th Armoured Regiment (British Columbia Dragoons). Forming part of the 2nd Brigade of the 5th Armoured Division the regiment landed in Italy in 1943, fighting up Italy with the Canadian Corps. In 1945 the corps moved to France, then to the northwest Europe theatre of battle where the Dragoons played an important role. Upon their return to B.C. a welcome home ceremony was held in Kelowna (January 7th, 1946) at which time Lt. Col. Angle, DSO, ED, a resident of Okanagan Mission, was honoured with the Freedom of the City. He had been in command of the troops at the end of the war.

Year Award

Bob Giordano Memorial Award

Female Athlete of the Year
Award

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Council Policy

Freedom of the Municipality (City) Award

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RESOLUTION: R375/10/04/26
REPLACING: R531/01/06/25; R1074/1988/07/26; Policy No. 56
DATE OF LAST REVIEW: April 2010

1. Council may from time to time honour a distinguished person by unanimous vote of the Council members conferring the Freedom of the Municipality on that person, the award to be called "Freedom of the City".
2. In conferring the honour, Council will identify an appropriate venue for public presentation.
3. The main purpose of the distinguished honour of Freedom of the City shall be to recognize the outstanding effort of an individual who has given exemplary service and/or recognition to his/her country and/or the community. Outstanding contributions may be related to the arts, business and commerce, humanities, politics, community service, sports or professional endeavors.
4. The person receiving Freedom of the City is, during the pleasure of Council, deemed to be an elector of the municipality and as such is eligible to be registered and to vote in an election for Mayor or Councilor. If the person is a Canadian citizen, he/she is deemed to be qualified to be nominated, be elected and hold the office of Mayor of the municipality.
5. The person conferred with Freedom of the City will receive the following:
 - an invitation to all City-initiated events
 - a lifetime transit pass
 - a lifetime parking pass (free on-street parking and in City-owned parking facilities)
 - a professionally drafted and framed certificate
 - a portrait sitting – the portrait will be displayed in City Hall and he/she will receive a portrait to keep.
6. Benefits conferred cannot be bequeathed nor transferred.

REASON FOR POLICY

To provide criteria for conferring the honour of Freedom of the City to an individual.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Community Charter

PROCEDURE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Requires a unanimous vote of the Council members conferring the award of Freedom of the City on the individual.