

Request for Nominations: The Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal (Saskatchewan)

ISSUE

This report provides the Governance and Priorities Committee with an overall summary on the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal (Saskatchewan).

BACKGROUND

The Government of Canada and Province of Saskatchewan have a history of creating medals to be awarded to worthy individuals commemorating major milestones in Canadian or provincial history. This has included the Saskatchewan Order of Merit, the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal and the Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal. In many cases municipalities are requested to assist with the nomination process in order to ensure local knowledge is captured.

In 2002, the Commemorative Medal for the Queen's Golden Jubilee was presented to Bill Sarjeant for his integral role in the establishment of the City's heritage preservation program.

CURRENT STATUS

On February 6, 2022, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II marked the 70th anniversary of Her Accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada. In celebration of the event, a commemorative medal is being arranged by the Government of Saskatchewan. The Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal (Saskatchewan) (QPJM (SK)) will be a tangible way to recognize 7,000 outstanding Saskatchewanians of all ages and from all walks of life, who have built and continue to build a strong, vibrant society and province through their service, contributions, and achievements.

Saskatchewan cities have been invited to select recipient(s) from their region to receive this medal.

The City of Saskatoon has been invited to participate in the medal program and provide nominations to the Province, for a yet to be determined number of medals, recommended to occur through the Governance and Priorities Committee. The Province will accept nominations from the City as early as June 15, 2022, however it is suggested that a submission deadline of October 31, 2022 be utilized, after which time City Council would provide their recommendation of medal recipients to the Province, who will make all final decisions on award. The program correspondence directs that nominations and members of any potential City subcommittee making recommendations on award are to remain confidential, and only those who ultimately receive a medal will be notified.

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Criteria

The criteria for the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal (Saskatchewan) is broad. Recipients are to be of all ages, from all walks of life, provided that they have made a contribution to society.

Three minimum criteria for the medal recipients:

- They are a resident of Saskatchewan or have a link to Saskatchewan (at the time of the grant of the medal);
- They have made a contribution to Canada, Saskatchewan, or to a particular region or community; and
- They were alive on February 6, 2022, the 70th anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the throne.

COMMUNICATION PLAN

The City Clerk's Office will work with the Communications and Public Engagement Department on publicizing the medal and nomination process. It is intended that the City would include information on its website and facilitate submission of nominations from members of the public through the website, via email, or in hard copy by mail or in person at City Hall. The Province has also published a news release and information on how to nominate individuals.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City of Saskatoon participate in the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal (Saskatchewan) nomination process as per provided program documentation, accepting nominations until October 31, 2022.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The City may wish to award medals as part of a public presentation; however, this would be determined at a future date, and is expected to fall within existing budget. As such, currently there are no financial implications.

APPENDICES

1. Government of Saskatchewan Letter and Roll Out Q&A, dated June 1, 2022

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