

## NEWS RELEASE

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### 2015 Culture & Heritage Award Recipients

*City to recognize excellence in culture and heritage*

#### Summary

Each year, the City of Nanaimo recognizes individuals and groups that make Nanaimo a more culturally vibrant city. Council has approved the following recipients for the 2015 Culture & Heritage Awards:

Excellence in Culture - Mr. Grant Leier and Ms. Nixie Barton  
Honour in Culture - Ms. Arlene Blundell  
Emerging Cultural Leader - Ms. Amanda Scott

Recognition of these recipients will take place at a special awards ceremony to be held at the Port Theatre on Thursday, April 9, 2015. Tickets and ceremony details will be advertised prior to the event. Everyone is welcome to attend.

*Strategic Link:* The Cultural Awards (now Culture & Heritage Awards) furthers the goals of the Cultural Vitality (Creativity, Diversity, Heritage and Innovation) Pillar of the Strategic Plan.

#### Key Points

- The Excellence in Culture Award was created to honor an organization or individual that has achieved regional and/or national recognition in the field of arts and culture (visual, performing or literary arts).
- The Honour in Culture Award was created to honour a group, corporation or individual that is known for their dedication and support of the development of the cultural fabric of Nanaimo.
- The Emerging Cultural Leader Award was created by the City to recognize up-and-coming Nanaimo-based cultural leaders. The award recognizes that a thriving Nanaimo cultural community includes leaders who choose to live and contribute to the cultural life of Nanaimo.

#### Quotes

"These awards recognize the best of Nanaimo's arts and cultural volunteers and creative talent. The work of these dedicated volunteers and professionals contributes to a sense of cultural vitality and pride within our community."

Bill McKay  
Mayor  
City of Nanaimo

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