

## **MAYOR'S AWARD NOMINATION FORM**

### **EWEN NELSON AWARD FOR SELF-ADVOCACY**

#### **Nomination Procedure:**

1. Complete all applicable items in Section A and Section B, below.
2. Section C describes the purpose of the Mayor's Awards and the history of the Ewen Nelson Award for Self-Advocacy.
3. Attach this page (Page 1) to the nomination details that you will provide according to the instructions in Section D.
4. **The deadline for receipt of nominations is NOON on Friday, March 8, 2019.**

Send your nomination by mail, Email or FAX to:

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5. The AAC will contact all nominees by Email or by letter to notify them of their nomination and the award process. Nominees will be required to sign a release form regarding use of their personal information and to provide consent for photography. **The recipient of the Award is announced at the Mayor's Awards presentations at City Hall on Thursday, May 9, 2019.**

#### **SECTION A: Nominee**

**Name of nominee:**

**Email address:**

**Phone number(s):**  **FAX:**

**Mailing address:**  **Postal Code:**

#### **SECTION B: Nominator**

**Name of nominator:**

**Email address:**

**Phone number(s):**  **FAX:**

**Mailing address:**  **Postal Code:**

## SECTION C: Purpose and History

Presented annually, the Mayor's Awards promote awareness of the need for increased accessibility of services and employment for those with disabilities. Four award categories recognize individuals, organizations and businesses within Edmonton who use creative methods to ensure the dignity and inclusion of persons with disabilities.

This event is important because it not only thanks those who make significant contributions to Edmonton's livability but also informs others by highlighting innovations in accessibility that may not have received the attention they deserve.

The Award for Self-Advocacy, named in honour of Ewen Nelson, will recognize the contributions of an individual with a disability who has been a self-advocate in the development of services and supports for citizens with disabilities.

Because of a spinal cord injury in 1980, Ewen lived as a quadriplegic for over 25 years. Well known as a leader, he contributed significantly to the development of services in the City of Edmonton as a private citizen through his work at the University of Alberta and as a member, and then Chair, of the Accessibility Advisory Committee (formerly the Advisory Board on Services for Persons with Disabilities). Ewen passed away on January 5, 2006. Seeing the need to acknowledge the contributions of individuals with a disability who have been instrumental in improving the lives for citizens with disabilities, Edmonton City Council, on the recommendation of the AAC, approved the Ewen Nelson Award for Self-Advocacy on October 31, 2006.

## SECTION D: Nomination Instructions

Provide **all** information that is important to **support** why your nominee should receive this Award including relevant facts not covered by the following questions.

1. How has the nominee advocated for improved services for people with disabilities living in Edmonton such as through employment-related work, volunteerism, writing, speaking or other activities?
2. How has the nominee shown leadership or has worked successfully with others to improve services for people with disabilities living in Edmonton?
3. Explain how this nominee shares with others what they have learned about successful self-advocacy.
4. Explain how the nominee's self-advocacy has contributed to the increased participation and inclusion of people with disabilities in the community.
5. Explain if and how the nominee's contributions have influenced a positive change in the disability community. Examples include inspiring government policy changes or the creation of greater awareness by the public or business of the issues to do with disability.

The personal information in this nomination package is collected under the authority of section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. It will be used for the purpose of selecting worthy recipients for the Mayor's Awards. Upon receipt of the signed consent waiver from the nominee, the City of Edmonton may disclose some of the nominee's personal information for promotional purposes. Please note that section 34(e) of the FOIP Act allows information about nominees to be collected indirectly from nominators. All personal information collected by the City of Edmonton's Accessibility Advisory Committee is protected by provisions of the FOIP Act. If you have any questions about the collection, use or disclosure of this personal information, contact the Event Planner of the Accessibility Advisory Committee at 780-496-1472.