

# **TOWN OF VULCAN**

## Policy Manual

<u>POLICY NUMBER</u>			<u>TITLE OF POLICY</u>
<b>A-06</b>			<b>Freeman of the Town</b>
Approval	D/M/Y	Resolution #	
<b>Adopted</b>	<b>22/12/2012</b>	<b>12.397</b>	
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### **STATEMENT:**

**The Town of Vulcan requires a policy to formalize a process for designating a person as Freeman of the Town.**

#### **1. Policy**

- 1.1** The honour of Freeman is the highest honour a Town can bestow on an individual. The title of Freeman shows the Town's recognition of selfless acts and deeds performed as well as our appreciation and thanks for the tireless commitment to the community by this honoured person.
- 1.2** The purpose of naming a person Freeman and bestowing the honour of Freedom of the Town is to recognize an individual who has created tremendous pride, given exemplary service to, or made an outstanding contribution to the Town of Vulcan. This honour is restricted to very exceptional cases, and requires Council to reserve the honour for only those particular cases of exceedingly high merit
- 1.3** While Freeman's names are included in Town social events, the title carries no privilege; it is purely an honour, reflecting the eminence of the person on whom it is conferred or as recognition of significant and valuable services rendered to the Town by that person. Freeman are also looked upon as "elders" of the community and called upon for advice by council.
- 1.4 Criteria for Selection include:**
  - (a) Selfless service to the community;
  - (b) Outstanding achievements in a number of areas within the arts, business, humanities, politics, community service, sports, environment or professional endeavours;
  - (c) Nomination requests are accepted but not solicited from the public;
  - (d) Nomination of an ex-Council member are not considered for a minimum of one year after that member's term has ended;
  - (e) The honour cannot be bestowed posthumously.

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### **1.5 Procedure for nomination:**

- (a) Nomination accompanied with a biography of the candidate, is submitted to Council
- (b) Council review the nomination and may request more information or further investigation
- (c) The decision of Council to confer the “Freeman of the Town” honorary title must be unanimous
- (d) A plaque and certificate is presented to the candidate at a public event determined by Council in conjunction with the candidate.

### **1.6 List of Designated Freeman of the Town:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Resolution #</b>
John David Mitchell	November 27, 2012	Special Council Meeting	12.17

**- END OF POLICY-**

