

## Freedom of the City

City Government - Effective Governance

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## Purpose:

Section 158 of the Community Charter provides that a municipal council may, by unanimous vote of its members, honor a distinguished person by conferring freedom of the municipality on that person.

## Policy:

Until the Council revokes the honor conferred, a person given the freedom of the municipality:

- a) is deemed to be an elector of the City and is eligible to vote in an election for mayor or councilor:
- b) despite any other enactment, if the person is a Canadian citizen, he or she is deemed to be qualified to be nominated, be elected to and hold office on the council;
- shall be provided with a parking placard which permits free parking at a parking space controlled by a parking meter up to the maximum time permitted by such meter, and free parking at City parking lots and parkades where parking is available on a short-term basis;
- d) shall be invited to special City Council functions (volunteer appreciation dinners inaugural meetings of Council, etc.); and
- e) in addition to the foregoing, a photograph of any person honored with freedom of the City will be permanently displayed in a prominent location at City Hall, with an engraving indicting their name and special status.