



## British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association Honorary Life Membership

Honorary Life Memberships are a special distinction conferred by BCRPA's Board of Directors upon Members who have made outstanding contributions to the recreation and parks sector.

Section A 1) e) of the Bylaws for the BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) states that "Any individual who has made a valuable and sustained contribution to the BCRPA and has been designated as honorary life member by the Board of the BCRPA is eligible to run for office and is accorded one vote at general meetings."

Section B 2) further states that "Honorary Life Membership may be granted to persons who are nominated by any two members in good standing and have their nomination approved by the Board of Directors."

### General Policy

1. Honorary Life membership is a meaningful recognition bestowed sparingly and only to those persons who have made significant contributions to the BCRPA and/or the sector.
2. Honorary Life membership status is awarded for the lifetime of the individual.

### Nomination Criteria

Honorary Life members are appointed on the basis of the following criteria:

1. For individuals only - whether they be practitioner, academic, volunteer or staff person
2. Individual need not be a *current* member of BCRPA
3. Should be retired from all official posts
4. Longstanding, sustained and exceptional service and impact in the parks and recreation sector
5. Outstanding contribution that required substantial and commendable personal input

## Entitlements

1. Free membership in BCRPA including subscription to Parks & Recreation BC Magazine.
2. Invitation to attend the Symposium banquet as a guest of the BCRPA.

## Selection Procedures

1. Members of BCRPA may submit nominations for Honorary Life Membership in the first instance to the Chief Executive Officer who will forward all information to the Board of Directors. It will be the responsibility of the members submitting the nomination to provide all pertinent data in support of the nomination.
2. All matters relating to a nomination are confidential with only the final decision of the Board of Directors in favour of the nomination being announced publicly.
3. The Board will screen all nominations obtained against the Policy and Criteria.
4. The Board of Directors will be asked to vote on a motion to award an Honorary Life Membership. It must be passed by a unanimous resolution of those present and voting.
5. Newly-appointed Honorary Life Members will receive recognition and a certificate of their membership status at the Annual General Meeting of the BCRPA, or other function at the Annual Symposium.

## Current Honorary Life Members

May Brown (Vancouver) 1992  
Don Cunnings (Pitt Meadows) 2008  
Brian Johnston (Langley) 2016  
\*Laird McCallum (West Vancouver)  
\*Harold Moist (Victoria)  
Mike Murray (Maple Ridge) 2012  
Norman Olenick (New Westminster) 2008  
\*Robert Osborne (Vancouver)  
\*Jim Panton (Victoria)  
\*Myrtle Thompson (Campbell River)  
\*George Wainborn (Vancouver) 1996  
\*Lawrie Wallace (Victoria)  
Bill Webster (Surrey) 2008  
Ken Winslade (New Westminster) 2000

*\* Indicates an Honorary Life Member who is deceased.*