

## call for **nominations: edmonton poet laureate**

The City of Edmonton, Edmonton Public Library and the Edmonton Arts Council are seeking nominations for Edmonton's seventh Poet Laureate. Edmonton's Poet Laureate reflects the life of the City through readings of poetry, and serves as an ambassador for the literary arts by incorporating poetry into a range of official and informal city activities. The Poet Laureate will serve a two-year term from from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019.

### Eligibility

Nominees for Edmonton Poet Laureate must fulfill the following requirements:

- be current residents of the City of Edmonton
- have produced work that:
  - demonstrates poetic flexibility (more than one style)
  - reflects the life of the City
  - is significant to the citizens of Edmonton

### Duties and Responsibilities

The successful nominee will:

- commit to the full two-year term
- assume the role of literary ambassador for the City of Edmonton to audiences both within and outside of the City
- advocate strongly for the literary arts
- produce, on request of the City, at least three original works for specific events or occasions identified by the City in each year of the two-year term
- agree to present in person works of significance to the citizens of Edmonton:
  - at least once a year to City Council
  - at least once a year at a City-sponsored fund-raising or charity event, and
  - at a minimum of two official City of Edmonton functions each year such as the City of Edmonton anniversary of incorporation, the City's official summer exhibition or the Mayor's state of the City address
- the Poet Laureate will initiate events related to poetry
- may be required to travel outside of Edmonton to represent the City in an official capacity

### Remuneration

The Edmonton Poet Laureate will receive an honorarium of \$10,000 for each year of the two-year term. Any travel expenses associated with the role of Poet Laureate will be in addition to the annual honorarium.

### Nominations

- Candidates for Edmonton's Poet Laureate must be nominated by at least one person – self-nominations will be accepted
- Nominees agree to participate in a review process that will include a reading and live interview in front of a selection committee

All submissions must include the following:

- A letter of nomination from the nominator(s); in the case of a self-nomination, a support of nomination letter written by a second party. The letter outlines why the nominee should be Edmonton's Poet Laureate:
  - the nominee's contributions to the poetry or arts community
  - how the nominee has influenced their literary peers and/or other artists
  - the significance of the nominee's work to the citizens of Edmonton
- The nominee's current curriculum vitae
- Three examples of the nominee's work – it would be helpful if the examples demonstrated poetic flexibility and significance to the City of Edmonton (examples may be written or recorded – please provide a link to audio or video files)
- Proof of the nominee's residency in the City of Edmonton and signed acknowledgement of nomination

### Deadline

Submissions must be received no later than

**4:30 pm on Friday, May 26, 2017.**

### Deliver to

Edmonton Arts Council - Poet Laureate Nominations  
Prince of Wales Armouries  
10440 108 Avenue  
Edmonton AB T5H 3Z9

Or...Email to [poetlaureate@edmontonarts.ca](mailto:poetlaureate@edmontonarts.ca)

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# acknowledgement of **nomination:** **edmonton poet laureate**

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## Nominator Information – check here if self-nominating

Full Name

Address

City

Postal Code

Email Address

## Nominee Information

Full Name

Address

City

Postal Code

Email Address

I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby acknowledge my nomination for Edmonton's Poet Laureate and agree to the review process.

Signature

Date