



## HCBC HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP POLICY

This award may be granted by the Board of Directors, at their discretion, to any member who has demonstrated outstanding and exceptional service to HCBC. Any individual or club/affiliate member of HCBC is entitled to nominate a candidate for "Honorary Lifetime Membership. The Award will consist of a lifetime regular membership to HCBC. The Board shall require a 75% Majority vote of Board members present at the meeting to grant the award, provided that a quorum of the Board is present at the meeting.

Nominations must be made in writing, sent to the HCBC Office to the attention of the VP Membership and Marketing and Executive Director. The VP Membership will convene an Awards Committee to review the nomination, and if the committee recommends, send the nomination to the Board of Directors for review and decision. Alternatively, a Director of the Board may bring forward a nominee directly to the Board of Directors.

The Award may not be presented every year. The Award is an ongoing process and will be presented only to suitable candidates. The Award will be presented at the HCBC Banquet or other suitable ceremony where the recipient can be best recognized by their community. The award may include of a Plaque or Certificate presented to the successful candidate.. The Award does not include membership towards HCBC programs.

### Criteria:

- Nominee is a current member in good standing of HCBC
- Nominated in writing, by a current member in good standing of HCBC
- Nomination must include a comprehensive list of nominee's achievements, accomplishments and service to HCBC
- The achievements demonstrated by the nominee must include but are not restricted to the following:
  - Long term involvement within the Equine Community
  - Exceptional service to HCBC
    - As a member, committee member or member of the Board of Directors
    - As a volunteer, benefactor or ambassador of HCBC
- And will include at least one of the following:
  - Demonstrated achievements and recognition by peers and horse industry
  - Demonstrated an outstanding contribution to the development and growth of the Equine industry.
  - Demonstrated an outstanding contribution towards the growth and development of HCBC and its programs.
  - Outstanding contribution to equine activities or equine sport in the Province of BC
  - Outstanding contribution to an equine club, or HCBC affiliate organization

Other exceptional circumstances may be considered by the Board. If exceptional circumstances are accepted, these would require a unanimous vote of Board members present at the meeting (providing a quorum is present) to grant this award.