

Hello Mayor and Council,

As you know, the Licence Inspectors' and Bylaw Officers' Association of British Columbia held their Annual Training Conference from May 31 - June 3 in Whistler. The conference gathers local government law enforcement professionals from across BC, this year hosting over 130 attendees from nearly 70 local governments. Beyond educational learning, we also award officers for significant impacts they have made in their communities. This year, one of the recipients to be awarded with the Leadership and Valor in the Profession Award was Adrian Cullom from the Resort Municipality of Whistler.

Adrian showcased his skills twice as a positive role model for Bylaw Officers and an outstanding public servant with his actions this past year. In the summer of 2021, there was a child reported missing and a search was initiated to find the child. The officer started patrols immediately and using his superior skills in investigation located the child successfully and ensured that the child was reunited with their parents.

Later that summer, when a local river called the River of Golden Dreams was running unreasonably high and fast and had closed safe passage on the river under a railway bridge, this officer took it upon himself to remain ahead of the railway bridge to warn people to exit the fast-running water. A father and son were unable to exit the water safely and their boat overturned with them inside. With the father and son in the water and potentially being swept under the railway bridge, this officer put himself in the river at the water's edge to assist the father and son to safety. The officer's fast thinking and selflessness prevented any further harm to the father and son. Without the officer's assistance there could have been a far worse outcome to the dangerous situation.

For his efforts and swift action, we award **Adrian Cullom** from the Resort Municipality of Whistler with the **Leadership and Valor in the Profession Award**.

**Leadership can be defined as:** The essentials of being able and prepared to inspire others. A leader inspires others to act while simultaneously

directing the way that they act. Leadership is the ability to influence people to cooperate in the achievement of some common goal in such a way as to command their obedience, confidence, and loyalty.

**Valor can be defined as:** Going above and beyond the call of duty; and exhibiting exceptional courage, extraordinary decisiveness and presence of mind along with unusual swiftness of action, regardless of his or her personal safety, in an attempt to save or protect human life.

If not already done, hopefully, the Resort Municipality of Whistler will recognize Adrian for his outstanding work not only for the municipality, it's residents and visitors, but also the profession as a whole.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to reach me via email or phone at 604.839.0771.

Respectfully,

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