



## Media Release

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### **2022 City of St. Albert Poet Laureate call for nominations is open**

ST. ALBERT – Nominations for St. Albert’s Poet Laureate are now open and will be accepted until end of day on Monday, March 14, thanks to a continuing partnership between St. Albert Public Library and The City of St. Albert. The Poet Laureate Committee welcomes nominations of all poets who live, work or play in St. Albert and who are over the age of 16.

The Poet Laureate, ‘the people’s poet,’ is an honorary position with a term of two years. During that term, the Laureate will be recognized as a cultural and literary ambassador, act as a champion for poetry, language, and the arts, and represent the City as Laureate during readings at civic functions and public poetry events. The Poet Laureate will receive an annual honorarium of \$1,000.

Mayor Cathy Heron says, “The Poet Laureate role is about creating and performing original new works that reflect and represent ideas, issues and moments in our community, and celebrating the many ways the arts intersect with St. Albertan’s daily lives.” Mayor Heron will announce the successful Poet Laureate in April, in celebration of National Poetry Month.

Nominations will be accepted online until 11:59 p.m. on Monday, March 14. Nominees will have until Monday, March 28 to submit their required documents and forms. Visit [www.sapl.ca](http://www.sapl.ca) for more information and to make your nomination.

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