

## 13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FRED COGSWELL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN POETRY

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*"Fred Cogswell (1917-2004) was a prolific poet, editor, professor,  
life member of the League of Canadian Poets, and an Officer of the Order of Canada."*

First Prize:	\$500
Second Prize:	\$250
Third Prize:	\$100

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Book must be bound as a book, not a chapbook.
- Book length must be a minimum of 60 pages in length.
- Poetry must be written in English by a single author.
- No co-writes, anthologies or selected poetry collections.
- Book must be original work by an individual author (translations will not be considered at this time)
- Original date of publication falls **between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025.**
- Book must be published in Canada.
- Book must be written by a Canadian citizen or permanent resident alive in submission year.
- Electronic books are not eligible.

***Kevin Spent is the sole judge for our 2026 Fred Cogswell Award For Excellence In Poetry.***

**Reading Fee:** \$25 (Canadian Funds).

Payment can be made through PayPal here <https://rclas.com/2026-fred-cogswell-award/>

or by cheque payable to "Royal City Literary Arts Society". If you pay with PayPal, please include a copy of your receipt with the submission package.

**Two copies\* of the book must be submitted** to the Royal City Literary Arts Society, along with the reading fee (or proof thereof), and must be postmarked no later than **June 28, 2026**. The society's mailing address is:

**Royal City Literary Arts Society  
Fred Cogswell Award  
Box #308 - 720 6th Street  
New Westminster, BC V3L 3C5**

Winners Announcement: Date TBA

\*Submitted books will not be returned; they become the property of the Royal City Literary Arts Society.

\*In case of any dispute about the book's eligibility, the Society's decision will be final. If any conflict of interest is to be determined the book will be deemed ineligible.