



## The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Corporate Services & Clerk

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council

**From:** Laura Moy, Director Corporate Services & Clerk

**Date to Council:** December 11, 2018

**Report Number:** CS-2018-38

**Subject:** 2018-19 Award Nominations

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### Recommendations

It is recommended:

**That** the nomination of Richard Zarour for the 2018 Donald “Donny” Massender Memorial Volunteer Award (Donny Massender Award) be accepted;

**And that** the nomination of Larry Desanti for the 2018 Dr. Henri Breault Community Excellence Award (Dr. Breault Award) be accepted;

**And further that** the nomination of Rita Ossington for the 2019 Senior of the Year Award be accepted;

**And furthermore that** following the December 11, 2018, Special Meeting of Council, the nominators and selected recipients of each of the Awards be invited to attend a Volunteer Appreciation Event, during National Volunteer Week in April 2019.

### Background

The Awards Policy No. 2 (Policy) was first approved on February 22, 2011. The Policy establishes processes and timelines for submitting nominations and selecting recipients each year for the Donny Massender Award, Dr. Henri Breault Community Excellence Award and the Senior of the Year Award (collectively hereinafter referred to as Awards).

The Policy includes a provision for the recipient of the annual Donny Massender Award to be nominated for the Provincial June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for Volunteerism in Ontario and the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship.

The annual recipient of the Senior of the Year Award is nominated for the Ontario Senior of the Year Award and the Senior Achievement Award (Canada).

Oversight of the Policy and the calling of nominations is the responsibility of the Corporate Services & Clerk's Department.

Traditionally, a Volunteer Appreciation Night has been held to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of the Town's committee and board members. It has also served as a venue to present these annual Awards.

In 2019, Volunteers and Award recipients will be recognized at an event being planned during National Volunteer Week in the month of April.

## **Comments**

In accordance with the Policy, Notices of the Call for Nominations for each of the Awards were placed in the Essex Free Press (September 6, 2018 and November 8, 2018) and Shoreline Week (September 7, 2018 and November 9, 2018) in addition to being posted on the Town's website, social media (Facebook and Twitter) and Tecumseh Town App. Additionally, the Notice was mailed directly to local charitable and non-profit organizations on October 4, 2018.

The Policy establishes a deadline for submitting Nominations to the Clerk as October 31 annually. This deadline was extended to November 30, 2018 as per Report CS-2018-37 Committee and Board Application and Award Nominations, which was adopted at the November 13, 2018 Regular Council Meeting.

## **Donald "Donny" Massender Memorial Volunteer Award**

The Town of Tecumseh established the Donny Massender Award in 2010 to annually recognize a person who has made exceptional contributions to the citizens of the Town, or the public at large, and is well known for his/her work as an outstanding fundraiser, advocate and supporter of charitable organization(s).

Donny was an employee of the Town's Environmental Services area for 28 years and a 33-year member of the Tecumseh Fire & Rescue Services Department. He was also a diligent volunteer, having been a past president with the Tecumseh Goodfellows and a member of the Fr. Nicholas Point Council 4375 Tecumseh Knights of Columbus.

Recipients of the Donny Massender Award are recognized for the highest level of volunteerism and public service and who have demonstrated an unselfish desire to help others and have a compassion to assist those in need.

The Table that follows provides a list of past recipients of the Donny Massender Award, along with the nominations received for 2018.

### Donald ‘Donny’ Massender Memorial Volunteer Award

Year	Name	2018 Nominations
2010	Natalie Lapointe	Richard Zarour
2011	Ricardo Tonial	--
2012	Kate Shaw and Andre Le Tarte	--
2013	Jan Wright	--
2014	John Poole and Robert Labute	--
2015	Joe Chauvin	--
2016	Rose Rennie (aka Rosie the Clown)	--
2017	Frank Perissinotti	--

It is recommended that the 2018 Donald ‘Donny’ Massender Memorial Volunteer Award be given to Richard Zarour.

### Dr. Henri Breault Community Excellence Award

The Town established the Dr. Henri Breault Community Excellence Award in 2000 to annually recognize a person who has displayed continued dedication and perseverance to a cause or causes that have ultimately benefited the citizens of the Town and the general population at large.

Recipients of the Dr. Henri Breault Community Excellence Award are recognized for the highest level of excellence and achievement in any field and are the best of Tecumseh’s caring and diverse community who stand as a shining example for everyone.

The recipient is not limited to an individual and may include a family, group, or company.

The following Table provides a list of past recipients of the Dr. Henri Breault Community Excellence Award, along with the nomination received for 2018

### Dr. Henri Breault Community Excellence Award

Year	Past Recipients	2018 Nomination
1998	John Staley	Larry Desanti
2000	Don Lappan John Poole George Rocheleau	--
2004	William Onslow Anne Rigo Michael & Kathleen Rocheleau	--
2005	Anthony P. Toldo	--
2006	Tony J. Azar	--
2007	Dr. Albert Schumacher	--
2008	Michael G. Solcz	--
2009	Louis Guin	--
2010	Robert Waronchak	--
2012	Bernarda Camello-Doctor	--

<b>Year</b>	<b>Past Recipients</b>	<b>2018 Nomination</b>
2013	John McGivney	--
2014	Brian Sherwell	--
2015	No Nominations Received	--
2016	Tecumseh Goodfellows Team #35	--
2017	Michael J. Rovers	--

It is recommended that the 2018 Dr. Henri Breault Community Excellence Award be given to Larry Desanti.

### **Senior of the Year Award**

Recipients of the Senior of the Year Award are recognized for having enriched the social, cultural or civic life of the community without thought of personal or financial gain.

Recipients of the Senior of the Year Award are nominated to the Ontario Senior of the Year Award which gives each municipality in Ontario the opportunity to honour one outstanding local Ontarian who, after the age of 65, has enriched the social, cultural or civic life of his or her community. The selected recipient will be nominated for the Ministry's Senior of the Year Award.

The recipient for the Senior of the Year Award will also be nominated for the Senior Achievement Award (Canada) which is awarded to recognize and celebrate outstanding seniors who, after age 65, have made significant contributions to their communities.

The recipient of the Senior of the Year Award has traditionally been recognized at the Annual Tecumseh Corn Festival.

The following Table provides a list of past recipients of the Senior of the Year Award and the names of the current nominees.

### **Senior of the Year Award**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Past Recipients</b>	<b>2019 Nominations</b>
2009	Madeline Bonham	Rita Ossington
2010	Louis Gouin	--
2012	Richard Nosella	--
2013	Andy Roy	--
2014	Doreen Ouellette	--
2015	Susie Korchank	--
2016	Paul Morand	--
2017	Kenneth Coulson	--
2018	Judy Wellwood-Robson	--

It is recommended that the 2019 Senior of the Year Award be given to Rita Ossington.

## Consultations

None

## Financial Implications

The cost of the Volunteer Appreciation Event is included in the 2019 Budget.

## Link to Strategic Priorities

Applicable	2017-18 Strategic Priorities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Make the Town of Tecumseh an even better place to live, work and invest through a shared vision for our residents and newcomers.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure that the Town of Tecumseh's current and future growth is built upon the principles of sustainability and strategic decision-making.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Integrate the principles of health and wellness into all of the Town of Tecumseh's plans and priorities.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Steward the Town's "continuous improvement" approach to municipal service delivery to residents and businesses.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Demonstrate the Town's leadership role in the community by promoting good governance and community engagement, by bringing together organizations serving the Town and the region to pursue common goals.

## Communications

Not applicable

Website

Social Media

News Release

Local Newspaper

This report has been reviewed by Senior Administration as indicated below and recommended for submission by the Chief Administrative Officer.

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<b>Attachment Number</b>	<b>Attachment Name</b>
None	None