

The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Legislative & Clerk Services

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Robert Auger, Director Legislative Services & Clerk

Date to Council: Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Report Number: LCS-2025-11

Subject: Appointments to the Awards Review Committee

Recommendations

It is recommended:

That Report LCS-2025-11 entitled "Appointments to the Awards Review Committee" **be received**;

And that the applications to the Awards Review Committee **be considered** and direction provided on the applicants to be appointed;

And further that the term of the appointment to the Awards Review Committee be for the remaining term of Council ending November 14, 2026, or until such time as new members are appointed;

And furthermore, that applicants be notified of Council's decision and by-laws be prepared to formally appoint the new members to the committee at the next Regular Council meeting.

Background

The Town of Tecumseh has established the following four (4) community awards:

Dr. Henri Breault Community Excellence Award (est. 2000) recognizes an individual, family, group or company 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.

Donald "Donny" Massender Memorial Volunteer Award (est. 2010) recognizes 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 organizations. Recipients of this award will be nominated for the June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for Volunteerism in Ontario and the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship.

Senior of the Year Award (est. 2009) recognizes one outstanding local Ontarian who, at the age of 65 or older, has enriched the social, cultural or civic life of the Town 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 and the Senior Achievement Award (Canada).

Youth of the Year Award (est. 2020) recognize a person, 23 years of age and under, who has enriched the social, cultural or civic life of the community that has ultimately benefited the citizens of the Town and the general public at large without thought of personal or financial gain.

Last year, Council approved revisions to Town's Awards Policy No. 2 including striking an ad-hoc committee, consisting of five members to assist with the adjudication of the nomination for the Town awards. The Committee's scope is to review and discuss submissions received for the Town's Awards and provide recommendations to Council on the recipients of each award. The role of Council is to consider the Committee's recommendations for the award recipients, and if appropriate, provide approval. Recommendations by the Committee on award recipients will be circulated through the approval of the Committee minutes by Council resolution.

Comments

A call for applications to the Awards Review Committee was provided on the Town's website and social media platforms and the online application form was open for a fiveweek period, from February 28 to April 4, 2025. In total, five submissions were received.

Attachment 1 provides a list of names of the applications that were received before the deadline. The applications received represent each of the five Wards in Tecumseh. The applications and the Committee recommendations have been made available to Members of Council for review.

Consultations

None

Financial Implications

The Awards Review Committee members each receive a \$100 honorarium per meeting which is funded through the Legislative & Clerk Services budget.

Link to Strategic Priorities

Applicable	2023-2026 Strategic Priorities
	Sustainable Growth: Achieve prosperity and a livable community through sustainable growth.
\boxtimes	Community Health and Inclusion: Integrate community health and inclusion into our places and spaces and everything we do.
	Service Experience: Enhance the experience of Team Tecumseh and our citizens through responsive and respectful service.

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.

Prepared by:

Jennifer Alexander, AOMC, MPA Deputy Clerk & Manager Legislative Services

Reviewed by:

Robert Auger, LL.B. Director Legislative Services & Clerk

Recommended by:

Margaret Misek-Evans, MCIP, RPP Chief Administrative Officer

Attachment	Attachment
Number	Name
1	List of Applications Received

Attachment 1 – List of Applicants Received for Awards Review Committee

Name of Applicant	Ward
Darrin Drouillard	Ward 1
Kevin Heighway	Ward 3
Frank Perissinotti	Ward 4
Hana Kar	Ward 2
Kevin Durocher	Ward 5
Hannah Ruuth	Ward 2