



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, May 27, 2025
Report Number: LCS-2025-16
Subject: 2025 Town Awards Nominations

Recommendations

It is recommended:

That Report LCS-2025-16 2025 Town Awards Nominations **be received**;

And that the following recommendations from the Awards Review Committee on the recipients for the following 2025 Town Awards **be endorsed and supported**:

- Dan Redmond be awarded as the recipient of the Donald “Donny” Massender Memorial Volunteer Award;
- Shaun Fuerth be awarded as the recipient of the Dr. Henri Breault Community Excellence Award;
- Christine Trudell Ouellette be awarded as the recipient for the Senior of the Year Award;
- Logan Drouillard be awarded as the recipient for the Youth of the Year Award;

And further that the recipients of these awards be **notified and invited** to be a delegate at the June 24, 2025, Regular Council meeting to formally receive the award.

Background

The Town of Tecumseh has established the following four (4) community awards that are awarded every 2 years:

- **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) recognizes 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.

At the April 8, 2025 Regular Council Meeting, Council appointed six (6) members to the Awards Review Committee (Committee) to review and discuss submissions received for the Town Awards and to provide recommendations for the award recipients.

Comments

The Call for Award Nominations was held from April 11 to May 9, 2025. Notice was provided with ongoing social media posts and letters sent to the local schools and community groups to encourage submissions. Further, Committee members also advocated for the awards by encouraging submissions. The Town received seven (7) nominations, six (6) nominations for the Donald “Donny” Massender Memorial Volunteer Award and one (1) for the Youth of the Year Award. However, no submissions were received for the Senior of the Year or the Dr. Henri Breault Community Excellence Award.

The Awards Review Committee met on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, to review all the submissions received. At this meeting each member noted the exceptional dedication to community service in the Town of each person nominated. The Committee evaluated each nomination with the application submitted along with the criteria for each award. After deliberation, the Committee recommended the award recipients for the Donny Massender and Youth Awards for Council's consideration.

During this deliberation the Committee also agreed unanimously that some of the nominations received could also qualify for the other Town Awards which did not receive a formal application during the call for nomination period.

It is noted that the Committee's terms of reference indicates that the members are empowered to advocate for the Town's Awards which involves not only the evaluation of nominations received but, if appropriate, to also make nominee recommendations themselves for Council's consideration. In addition, the Town's Awards Policy does not expressly prohibit the Committee from permitting a nomination received for one award to also be considered for another award. As a result, the Committee reevaluated the other nominations received for the Donald "Donny" Massender Memorial Volunteer Award and determined that there were nominations also deserving of being selected as recipients for the Senior of the Year and Dr. Henri Breault Community Excellence Award. The Committee accordingly has made those additional recommendations as part of this Report. Further, the Town's Awards Policy does not expressly prohibit the nomination of Town employees as recipients of the Town's awards. Accordingly, the Committee considered such candidates during their review process.

The nomination submissions have been circulated for Council's review. This report is recommending Council endorsement of the committee's recommendations for the Award recipients and, if approved, Administration is to notify award recipients to receive the award as a delegation at the Regular Council Meeting on June 24, 2025.

Consultations

Awards Review Committee

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications to this report.

Link to Strategic Priorities

Applicable	2023-2026 Strategic Priorities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sustainable Growth: Achieve prosperity and a livable community through sustainable growth.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community Health and Inclusion: Integrate community health and inclusion into our places and spaces and everything we do.
<input type="checkbox"/>	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.

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Reviewed by:

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Director Legislative Services & Clerk

Recommended by:

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Chief Administrative Officer

Attachment Number	Attachment Name
None	None