



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memorandum to Council

Memo No.
2019-M-203

☒ **Staff**
☐ **Committee**

Subject: Citizen Awards

Agenda Date: November 28, 2019

Attachments:

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Memo 2019-M-203;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct Staff to advertise and accept nominations until December 11, 2019;

AND FURTHER THAT an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of the following Members of Council be established to meet, review the nominations, and make a decision concerning award(s) for 2019;

AND FURTHER THAT recipients be invited to the Regular Council meeting scheduled for January 9, 2020 to be recognized appropriately.

INFORMATION

Staff have received one nomination for consideration for Citizen of the Year. Presently, there has been no advertisement requesting names be submitted. To ensure all have an opportunity to nominate people for an appropriate award an nomination period should be held.

In 2014, Council established the following categories for Citizen Awards. Awards could be for an individual, couple, family, or a group of persons.

Citizen of the Year: It is recommended that one award is presented each year to a person, persons or group that has improved the quality of life for the people of Temagami in that year. It is recommended that this be kept to one award per year, to maintain the significance of the award; however, it is also recommended that there be some flexibility allowed so that in special circumstances, where a tie is clearly evident, a second award may be awarded in a given year at the discretion of Council.

Lifetime Achievement Award: It is recommended that this award is presented to a person or persons or group that has enhanced the quality of life for the people of Temagami on an ongoing basis for an extended period of time. While it may be anticipated that this award would be presented to a person or persons in their senior years, it should be recognized that a person does not necessarily have to have reached the age of 65 years (or any other set age) in order to have made a sufficiently significant positive impact on the community to be considered for a lifetime achievement award. It is recommended that this be kept to one award per year and that there may be some years where no award is presented, to maintain the significance of the award; however, it is also recommended that there be some flexibility allowed so that in special circumstances, where a tie is clearly evident, a second award may be awarded in a given year at the discretion of Council.

Posthumous Lifetime Achievement Award: There have already been some outstanding individuals in Temagami who are now deceased, having left the community a better place for them having been here. Additionally, there may be occasions in the future when an individual passes away who is deserving of a lifetime achievement award, but who had not yet been recognized for such during their lifetime. It is recommended that this is not intended to be simply a memorial for deceased individual, but to recognize someone who has left a lasting legacy of benefit to the community. It is recommended that in the first two

years of the program additional awards may be given in order to “catch up”, but that in future years, the amount be restricted in the same way as the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Since its inception, there was once Citizen of the Year awarded in 2014, three Lifetime Achievement awarded in 2014, 2015 and 2017 and two Posthumous Lifetime Achievement awarded in 2015 and 2017.

Once the nomination period has ended, Staff recommends the nominations received be considered by an Ad Hoc Committee of Council established for that purpose. The award(s) could be presented at the Regular Meeting of Council scheduled for January 9, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted:
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Treasurer/Administrator