



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami
Memorandum to Council

Memo No.

2024-M-046

Subject: Municipal Service Awards

Agenda Date: **March 14, 2024**

Attachments: N/A

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami does hereby receive report 24-M-046 regarding the Municipal Service Awards be reinstated; and

FURTHER THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami does hereby appoint two (2) Councilors to join the Municipal Clerk to form a Municipal Service Awards Committee to convene after the nomination period has ended and provide a report to Council with the recommended Candidates; and

FURTHER THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami does hereby direct the Municipal Clerk to advertise for nominations commencing _____, 2024 with a closing date of _____, 2024 and the two (2) Councilors will be:

_____ and _____.

INFORMATION

A citizen of Temagami has requested that the 'Municipal Service Awards' be reinstated to recognize outstanding Temagami Citizens. The last award was given in 2019 and we have not done this since. Council established the following categories for the awards in 2014 and are awarded to either an Individual, a Couple, a 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.

Once the nomination period has ended the Committee shall meet and make recommendations to Council at the next Regular Session where Council shall approve or reconsider other nominees. The award(s) will then be scheduled to be presented at the following Regular Session of Council.



Respectfully Submitted

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