



**Town of Aurora  
Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Monday, September 18, 2023  
**Time:** 10 a.m.  
**Location:** Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

**Committee Members:** Councillor Ron Weese (Chair)  
Diane Buchanan (Vice Chair)  
Phiona Durrant  
Elaine Martini\*  
Glenda Raketti\*  
Jo-anne Spitzer  
Patricia Wallace

**Other Attendees:** Shelley Ware, Supervisor, Special Events  
Jaclyn Grossi, Deputy Town Clerk

\*Attended electronically

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**1. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**2. Land Acknowledgement**

The Committee acknowledged that the meeting took place on Anishinaabe lands, the traditional and treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island, recognizing the many other Nations whose presence here continues to this day, the special relationship the Chippewas have with the lands and waters of this territory, and that Aurora has shared responsibility for the stewardship of these lands and waters. It was noted that Aurora is part of the treaty lands of the Mississaugas and Chippewas, recognized through Treaty #13 and the Williams Treaties of 1923.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved By** Patricia Wallace

**Seconded By** Jo-anne Spitzer

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

**Carried**

**4. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50*.

**5. Receipt of the Minutes**

**5.1 Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of August 2, 2023**

**Moved By** Elaine Martini

**Seconded By** Diane Buchanan

1. That the Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee meeting minutes of August 2, 2023, be received for information.

**Carried**

**6. Delegations**

None.

**7. Matters for Consideration**

**7.1 Memorandum from Recreation Supervisor, Special Events; Re: 2024 Community Recognition Award Categories and Nomination Form**

Staff provided an overview of the memorandum regarding the 2024 award categories and nomination form, noting the recommendation to archive the Seniors Award and the transformation for further clarity of the nomination form. The Committee and staff discussed; award history and background of the Senior Award in previous years, opportunities to refresh the category instead of archival, a lifetime achievement award compared

to the Seniors Award and the Citizen of the Year awards, addressing ageist comments regarding an age-based award, and reviewed the eligibility criteria. They further discussed recruitment efforts during the nomination process, how committee comments are provided to Council, and an outline of the draft report being prepared for a future General Committee agenda.

**Moved By** Diane Buchanan

**Seconded By** Patricia Wallace

1. That the memorandum regarding 2024 Community Recognition Awards Categories and Nomination Form be received; and
2. That the Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee comments regarding 2024 Community Recognition Awards Categories and Nomination Form be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

**Carried**

**8. Informational Items**

None.

**9. New Business**

The Committee asked if staff could provide additional information regarding the nomination form for the various awards associated with Community Recognition Awards, specifically related to diversity. They further inquired about the hiring practices of the Town and how those processes were mirrored during the Local Board and Committee recruitment and appointment processes. Staff advised that additional information would be provided at the next meeting.

**10. Adjournment**

**Moved By** Jo-anne Spitzer

**Seconded By** Phiona Durrant

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

**Carried**