



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

Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2023
Time: 10 a.m.
Location: Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

Committee Members: Councillor Ron Weese (Chair)
Diane Buchanan
Phiona Durrant*
Elaine Martini
Jo-anne Spitzer (arrived at 10:03 a.m.)
Patricia Wallace

Members Absent: Glenda Raketti

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

*Attended electronically

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:01 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 Diane Buchanan

Seconded By Patricia Wallace

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 September 18, 2023

Moved By Diane Buchanan

Seconded By Patricia Wallace

1. That the Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee meeting minutes of September 18, 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 Awards – Senior Volunteer Award

Staff provided an overview of the memorandum regarding the senior volunteer award for the 2024 Community Recognition Awards, noting that based on previous committee comments and researched best practices staff recommend that the award be renamed to the Older Adults Award. The Committee expressed their general support of the recommendations

and noted the different language used and accepted by residents in this category varies.

Moved By Jo-anne Spitzer

Seconded By Elaine Martini

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

Carried

7.2 Memorandum from Recreation Supervisor, Special Events; Re: 2024 Community Recognition Awards – Nominee Composition

Staff provided an overview of the memorandum regarding the nominee composition for the 2024 Community Recognition Awards, noting the options to include voluntary questions about nominee demographics and the intended use of the data collected. The Committee discussed the legality of the data collection, increased marketing efforts within all community groups, and improvements to all Town forms by including language related to diversity, equity, and inclusion. They further agreed that optional questions related to nominee demographics should be included in the 2024 Community Recognition Award forms. Staff advised that a final nomination form, including these revisions, would be circulated for the Committee's information.

Moved By Diane Buchanan

Seconded By Phiona Durrant

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

Carried

8. Informational Items

None.

9. New Business

None.

10. Adjournment

Moved By Diane Buchanan

Seconded By Jo-anne Spitzer

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Carried