



Town of Aurora
Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, September 12, 2024
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
Patricia Wallace

Members Absent: Glenda Raketti

Other Attendees: Shelley Ware, Supervisor, Special Events
Ishita Soneji, Deputy Town Clerk

*Attended electronically

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:56 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 April 17, 2024

Moved By Jo-anne Spitzer
Seconded By Diane Buchanan

1. That the Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2024, be received for information.

Carried

6. Delegations

None.

7. Matters for Consideration

7.1 Round Table Discussion; Re: 2024 Awards Event Debrief

Staff provided an overview of the 2024 awards event noting the three main processes related to nominations, selection, and the ceremony. The Committee appreciated the availability of an evaluation matrix along with blind submissions, and suggested that more explanation be provided in the future on evaluating candidates' contributions and impact.

The Committee and staff discussed about various aspects of the ceremony logistics including: possibility of streamlining introductions to avoid repetitions, possibility of a theme for the event, and means to make the ceremony more interactive and impactful.

There was further discussion regarding means to increase awareness about the awards in the community through combined advertising and engagement opportunities.

Moved By Elaine Martini

Seconded By Phiona Durrant

1. That the Community Recognition Review Advisory Committee comments regarding the 2024 Awards Event Debrief be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

8. Informational Items

None.

9. New Business

The Committee referred to the two-year term expiring for citizen members in December and inquired about the next steps. Staff advised that more information is forthcoming and will be circulated to all Members.

10. Adjournment

Moved By Diane Buchanan

Seconded By Jo-anne Spitzer

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Carried