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2016 Pride of Strathcona Awards – Selection of Award Recipients

Report Purpose

To select the 2016 Pride of Strathcona Awards recipients, to accept revised Pride of Strathcona Awards – Criteria and Program Procedures and to consider an honorary Pride of Strathcona Award.

Recommendations

THAT the Committee meet in private, pursuant to sections 17, 24 and 29 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act to discuss selection of the Pride of Strathcona Awards and the Mayor's Award recipients.

THAT Enclosure 1-22 remain private pursuant to sections 17 and 24 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

THAT Enclosure 23, Award Recipient Selections be created and remain private pursuant to section 29 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, until the award recipients have been notified.

THAT Enclosure 23, Award Recipient Selections, be approved.

Council History

November 26, 2013 – Council passed Bylaw 60-2013 that deleted the terms of reference for the Pride and Strathcona Awards Committee, and designated responsibility for the annual Pride of Strathcona Awards program to Priorities Committee.

February 17, 2015 – Priorities Committee adopts the Pride of Strathcona Awards – Criteria and Program Procedures.

April 21, 2015 – Priorities Committee selects 10 Pride of Strathcona Awards recipients (individuals and groups) to honour in 2015.

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: n/a

Governance: A part of building cooperative partnerships with community is recognizing and celebrating community. The Pride of Strathcona Awards program supports this goal.

Social: These awards recognize individuals, groups and teams who have helped build strong neighbourhoods and communities.

Culture: Arts, Culture and Heritage is a category of recognition in this awards program.

Environment: Environmental efforts can be saluted through this awards program.

Summary

The Pride of Strathcona Awards program recognizes outstanding contributions and achievements of individuals, groups and teams in our community.

In 1985, Strathcona County held its first Awards of Excellence. The program was revamped in 1993 to what is now known as the Pride of Strathcona Awards.

The categories are: Community Service; Arts, Culture and Heritage; Agricultural Leadership; Professional Achievement; Youth; Service to Seniors, Heroism, Sports and

Recreation Development, Athletic Achievement for first-, second- or third-place standing at a national or international competition; and Outstanding Group.

The nomination deadline was March 31, 2016. The County received 20 nominations.

The Pride of Strathcona Awards – Criteria and Program Procedures provide guidelines to review nominations and select the 2016 award recipients.

As requested during last year's selection, the Criteria and Program Procedures - Awards Selection Process section has been revised to:

- delete the reference to send completed Rating and Evaluation Sheets to Communications; completed evaluation sheets do not need to be forwarded;
- add Certificate of Appreciation to nominee notification.

This year's awards ceremonies will take place on Friday, May 27, 2016 at Festival Place.

Enclosures

Encl 1	Criteria and Program Procedures - Pride of Strathcona Awards 2016
Encl 2	List of Nominees - Pride of Strathcona Awards
Encl 3-22	Nomination Packages