



Subject: *Municipal Volunteer Recognition Nominations & Model Volunteer 2023*
To: Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee
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Related Motions: N/A
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Summary

This report outlines volunteer nominations received for the 2023 East Hants Municipal Volunteer Recognition and provides a recommendation for the recipient of the Municipality's Model Volunteer of the Year Award.

All nominees will receive a Shining Star Award and one volunteer will be recommended for the Model Volunteer Award. The Model Volunteer will represent East Hants at the Nova Scotia Provincial Volunteer Awards in 2024.

The Model Volunteer Award is kept confidential until the presentation of the award. The recommendation was provided to Council in a confidential memo identifying the nominee.

Financial Impact Statement

This event is included in the Parks, Recreation and Culture operating budget.

Recommendation

That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee recommends to Council to approve the Shining Star nominees and the Model Volunteer be accepted as presented in the staff report.

Recommended Motion

Move that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee recommends to Council to approve the Shining Star nominees provided to date and that the confidential Model Volunteer Award nomination forwarded by email to Council be approved and designated to represent the Municipality of East Hants at the 2024 Provincial Volunteer Awards.

Background

At the October 2022 Council meeting, it was approved to host the event on April 21, 2023 at the Uniacke Legion and will be combined with the Fire Fighter Long Service Awards.

Promotion for volunteer nominations began in January 2023 with social media posts, direct communications with community groups via email and inquiries through the office.

Applications were made available in the office and online at <http://www.easthants.ca/volunteers>. The deadline for nominations was February 17, 2023, but was extended to February 24, 2023.

This year there is a total of 7 nominations. Staff will continue to accept nominations until end of March however, those nominations are not eligible for consideration as the Model Volunteer.

Discussion

Nominations listed below were received for the 2023 East Hants Municipal Volunteer Recognition and all of these nominations will receive Shining Star Awards.

Volunteer Nominee	Nomination Organization
Kyle Andrews	CHart Society
Melissa Boutette	Milford Recreation Association
Art Burton	CHart Society
Andy George	Mount Uniacke Mustangs Fastpitch Association
Troy MacArthur	East Hants Stingrays
Cassandra MacCormick	Carter District Girl Guides
Mike Norris	East Hants Minor Hockey Association
Ferry Patterson	Noel United Church
Doug Taylor	East Hants Tennis
Josie Thompson	East Hants Soccer Association

The recipient for Model Volunteer was identified by the event committee made up of staff from Parks, Recreation and Culture. Each committee member reviewed the nominations and identified a Model Volunteer whose commitment and dedication to the community clearly stood out.

A confidential memo was sent to Council with the Model Volunteer recommendation as part of this report.

The event is scheduled to take place at the Mount Uniacke Legion on April 21, 2023. Doors open at 6:00pm awards beginning at 6:30pm following greetings from the Town Crier and speeches from our dignitaries. The meal will be served at 7:00pm followed by a presentation of the Fire Fighter Long Service Awards, the Shining Stars and Model Volunteer awards.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

The Volunteer Recognition event supports the Strong Community key strategy by showing appreciation for our community volunteers and fostering a pride of place for within the communities of East Hants.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

This event is included in the Parks, Recreation and Culture operating budget.

Alternatives

N/A

Attachments