



Subject: *2024 Volunteer Recognition Location & Date*
To: Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee
Date Prepared: October 4, 2023
Related Motions: N/A
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Summary

In preparation for the 2024 East Hants Municipal Volunteer Recognition and Volunteer Firefighter Long Service Awards ceremony, staff is recommending the date of April 19, 2024 which is during National Volunteer Week. In keeping with our efforts to move this event throughout the municipality, the recommended venue for 2024 is the Enfield Legion. The evening will include a sit-down dinner followed by an awards ceremony.

Financial Impact Statement

The East Hants Municipal Volunteer Recognition event is budgeted annually based on a ceremony and dinner for approximately 100 people, including Council.

Recommendation

1. That Council approve to host the East Hants Municipal Volunteer Recognition and Firefighter Long Service Awards on April 19, 2024.
2. That Council approve the Enfield Legion as the location for the 2024 Recognition Ceremony.

Recommended Motion

Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee recommends that Council accept the following recommendations as presented by staff:

1. *That Council approve to host the East Hants Municipal Volunteer Recognition and Firefighter Long Service Awards on April 19, 2024.*
2. *That Council approve the Enfield Legion as the location for the 2024 Recognition Ceremony.*

Background

The Municipality of East Hants Volunteer Recognition Awards dinner is held annually as a way to recognize the important role that volunteers play in our municipal programs and services. Each year a different location is chosen throughout the municipality to showcase the event in as many communities as possible.

In 2022, the event was held at the Rawdon Fire Hall and in 2023, the Uniacke Legion.

In 2023, seven Volunteer Fire Fighters were recognized for serving thirty years or more and awarded the Municipal Volunteer Fire Fighter Long Service Award.

The event historically attracts 12 to 20 volunteers who are nominated by local community groups and organizations for the contributions to their community, each nominee receives a volunteer award. In 2023, ten volunteers were recognized.

A Model Volunteer will be awarded from the recipients of the Community Volunteer nominees determined by Parks, Recreation and Culture staff based on the significant contributions and impact the nominee has in East Hants. This recipient will represent East Hants in attending the Provincial Volunteer Celebration in 2024.

It is expected that there will be an estimated 5-10 Long Service Fire Fighter recipients.

The evening consists of a reception, sit down dinner and recognition awards.

Discussion

Staff are recommending the 2024 East Hants Municipal Volunteer Recognition and Long Service Volunteer Fire Fighter Awards be held at the Enfield Legion.

Staff are recommending the recognition ceremony be held on Friday April 19, 2024 which is during the National Volunteer Week.

Alternatives

An alternate date and location as per direction from Council.