



Subject: *Selection of Presenters - Dr. James T. Snow Bursary & Leadership Awards - 2026*
To: Corporate & Residential Services Committee
Date Prepared: May 1, 2026
Related Motions: N/A
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Summary

As part of Budget approval, Council increased the awards to \$2,500 for the Dr. James T. Snow Bursary annually to a recipient at each of the following schools:

- Hants East Rural High School
- Avon View High School
- Hants North Rural High School

Traditionally, a member of Council attends the graduation ceremony to make the presentation on behalf of Council, excluding years when events were cancelled or held virtually due to the Covid pandemic. Council presenters for recent Dr. JT Snow Bursary presentations were:

- Hants East Rural High School
 - Councillor Craig Merriam (2025)
 - Councillor Carl MacPhee (2024)
 - Councillor Tom Isenor (2023)
 - Councillor Sandra Garden-Cole (2022)
- Avon View High School
 - Councillor Michael Perry (2025)
 - Councillor Michael Perry (2024)
 - No presenters required (2020-2023)
- Hants North Rural High School
 - Councillor Keith Rhyno (2025)
 - Councillor Wayne Greene for Warden Eleanor Roulston (2024)
 - Councillor Wayne Greene (2023)

As well, a member of Council is asked to present the Leadership Awards to recipients at the following schools:

- Hants North Rural High School
- Riverside Education Centre
- Uniacke District School

2025 presenters were:

- Hants North Rural High School - Warden Roulston
- Riverside Education Centre - Councillor Norval Mitchell
- Uniacke District School - Councillor Michael Perry

Staff have heard back from the schools and they have not set dates yet for their Leadership Awards Ceremony, but mentioned they have meetings this month to start planning. They are hoping to know more soon and will let us know.

Financial Impact Statement

\$7,500 approved budget - Dr. JT Snow Bursary
 \$500 approved budget - Youth Leadership

Recommendation

Staff recommends that Council select presenters for the Dr. JT Snow Bursary awards and Leadership Awards.

Recommended Motion

Move that the Corporate & Residential Services Committee recommends to Council that Council appoint the following presenters for the 2026 Dr. JT Snow Bursary awards:

- *Hants East Rural High* - Councillor
- *Avon View High School* - Councillor
- *Hants North Rural High School* - Councillor

And that, Council also appoints the following presenters for the 2026 Leadership Awards or staff may make the presentation on behalf of Council:

- *Hants North Rural High School* - Councillor
- *Riverside Education Centre* - Councillor
- *Uniacke District School* - Councillor

Background

Dates of 2026 Graduation Events for Dr. JT Snow Bursary Awards:

School	Location	2026
Hants East Rural High School	Milford	June 29, 2026 3:00 PM
Avon View High School	Windsor	June 29, 2026 10:00 AM
Hants North Rural High	Kennetcook	June 26, 2026 6:30 PM

Dates and Times for presentation of Leadership Awards:

School	Location	2026
Hants North Rural High School	Kennetcook	TBD
Riverside Education Centre	Milford	TBD
Uniacke District School	Mt. Uniacke	TBD

Alternatives

As directed by Committee.

Recommendation

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