

STAFF REPORT: Administration



**REPORT TO: Finance and Administration
Committee**

MEETING DATE: March 17, 2009

REPORT NO.: CEDC.09.03

**SUBJECT: Order of The Blue Mountains
Panel of Judges**

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A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report CEDC.09.03 'Order of The Blue Mountains Panel of Judges' for information purposes; and

FURTHER THAT Council revise the composition of the Panel of Judges for the 'Order of The Blue Mountains' nomination review and selection process to: 1 member of the local media, 1 local youth (15-24 years of age) and *at least 2* previous award winners, for a maximum total of 6 judges.

B. Background

In February of 2008, the Finance and Administration Committee made a recommendation to approve the award categories, and the nomination and selection process for the Community Volunteer Awards. The recommendation was subsequently adopted by Council. This report also noted that the 2009 Panel of Judges would be comprised of 2 members of Council, 1 local youth (15-24 years of age), 1 member of the media and 2 previous award winners.

The change as noted in the recommendation is being proposed to *further* emphasize the important role that community peers and mentors play in the nomination of Volunteers and the 'Order of The Blue Mountains' nomination review and selection process.

As in 2008, the Panel of Judges will be solely responsible for the review, evaluation, and selection of award winners.

2009 Winners will be honoured at The Blue Mountains Community Volunteer Awards Event, scheduled to take place on Sunday May 3, 2009.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

Strategic Action 3.5 Continue to support cultural groups and community events.

D. Environmental Impacts

None.

E. Budget Impact

None.

F. Attached

Respectfully submitted,

Signature