

STAFF REPORT: Administration



REPORT TO: Council
MEETING DATE: March 26, 2008
REPORT NO.: CEDC.08.08
SUBJECT: Community Volunteer Awards

**PREPARED BY: Lisa Kidd, Communications and
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Coordinator**

A. Recommendations

That Council appoint two members of Council, _____ and _____, to participate as Judges for the Community Volunteer Awards Selection Process.

B. Background

On August 21, 2007, the Finance and Administration Committee made a recommendation to authorize the establishment of an Order of the Town of The Blue Mountains Volunteer Recognition Event. The recommendation was subsequently adopted by Council.

On February 20, 2008, the Finance and Administration Committee made a recommendation to approve the award categories, and the nomination and selection process. The recommendation was subsequently adopted by Council.

As noted in the Report of February 20, 2008, Nominees will be judged on the excellence of their contributions to the Town of The Blue Mountains. Achievement, commitment, effort, measurable impact, originality and overall vision will be the key considerations.

Nominators will be asked to provide the following information:

- A completed nomination form;
- A 250-500 word summary of the Nominee's achievements including highlights of achievements and measureable impacts on the community;
- Details of any awards, honours and other special recognition given to the Nominee for efforts in building our community; and

- Two letters of recommendation in support of the nomination, from two different sectors of the community.

A Panel of Judges will be solely responsible for the review, evaluation, and selection of award winners. This year's panel of judges will include 2 members of Council, 1 member of the local media, 1 local youth (15-24 years of age) and 2 representatives of the Blue Mountains Chamber of Commerce (as this event was previously organized by the Chamber). Following the inaugural event, next year's panel of judges will 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.

Staff is seeking the appointment of two members of Council to participate as part of the Panel of Judges for the 2008 Community Volunteer Awards.

2008 Winners will be honoured at the Inaugural Order of the Town of The Blue Mountains Community Volunteer Awards Event, scheduled to take place on Sunday May 4, 2008.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan (Statement(s) identifying how actions further the goals of the Strategic Plan)

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

D. Budget Impact (cc: Treasury if required)

nil

E. Attached (Relevant documentation not personal information about an identifiable person)

Respectfully submitted,

Signature