

# General

## Chapter 402 Awards of Excellence

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#### Article 1 - Civic Award of Excellence

##### **402.1.1**     **Established**

A Civic Award of Excellence may be presented to such persons or groups

having accomplished an act or deed of distinction or excellence.

#### **402.1.2 Selection Committee**

The Selection Committee shall be composed of all members of Council unless otherwise established by resolution of Council at the commencement of each Council term.

#### **402.1.3 Award - plaque - medallion**

Such award shall be in the form of a suitably inscribed plaque or in the form of a suitably inscribed medallion.

#### **402.1.4 Presentation**

Such persons or groups that qualify shall be presented with the award at a regular meeting of Council or on another occasion.

### **Article 2 – Awards - Eligibility**

#### **402.2.1 Categories – set out**

Persons or groups eligible for awards may be made in the categories set out in this Article. By-law 8667-11, March 17, 2011.

#### **402.2.2 Student Civic Award of Excellence**

The recipients shall be awarded \$1000 and a plaque at a Council meeting before the end of the school year. This award will be awarded on an annual basis. To qualify, the recipients:

- a) must be a resident of the City of Woodstock in their graduating year; and
- b) must have a good academic record which shows a commitment to achieve to the best of their ability; and
- c) must have volunteered in the community; and
- d) must have excellent leadership skills; and
- e) may have overcome adversity, and serves as a role model to others; and
- f) must be nominated by a committee composed of peers and teachers at the school where they attend, with supporting reasons delivered in writing to the Clerk by May 1st of each year; and
- g) each secondary school, within the City of Woodstock, is entitled to submit one recipient per school year; and
- h) must be approved by the selection committee of Council to be the recipient. By-law 8667-11, March 17, 2011; By-law 8857-13, June 20, 2013; By-law 9589-23, April 6, 2023.

### **402.2.3 Civic Award of Excellence for Achievement in Sports**

The recipient shall be a person or a group who has placed first, second or third in a provincial, national or international championship competition. To qualify, the recipient:

- a) must have won in provincial, national or international championship competitions conducted by an organization authorized to hold such competition; and
- b) must on request, obtain a statement from the governing body stating the event was recognized as a provincial, national or international championship competition; and
- c) must have been proposed by a member of the Council or by a member of the public in writing to the Clerk and approved by the Selection Committee. The written submission shall include sufficient information to confirm the eligibility of the proposed recipients.

### **402.2.4 Civic Award of Excellence for Bravery**

The recipient shall be a person who has performed an act of outstanding bravery either while in the City or by a City resident while out of the City. To qualify, the recipient:

- a) must be a resident of the City of Woodstock; and
- b) must be proposed by a member of the Council; or
- c) must be nominated by a member of the public in writing to the Clerk. The written submission shall include the necessary information to confirm the eligibility of the proposed recipient; and
- d) must be approved by the Selection Committee.

### **402.2.5 Civic Award of Excellence for Distinction**

The recipient shall be a person who has accomplished an act or deed of distinction or honour or a single act of considerable benefit to the City of Woodstock. To qualify, the recipient:

- a) must be proposed by a member of the Council; or
- b) must be nominated by a member of the public in writing to the Clerk. The written submission shall include the necessary information to confirm the eligibility of the proposed recipient; and
- c) must be approved by the Selection Committee.

#### **402.2.6 Civic Award of Excellence for Long Service**

The recipient shall be a person who has performed long and meritorious service to the City of Woodstock on a civic board or committee over a long period of time. To qualify, the recipient:

- a) must have retired from serving on the civic board or committee; and
- b) must be proposed by a member of the Council or a member of Senior Management; or
- c) must be nominated by a member of the public in writing to the Clerk. The written submission shall include the necessary information to confirm the eligibility of the proposed recipient; and
- d) must be approved by the Selection Committee.

### **Article 3 – Categories**

#### **402.3.1 Caring and Safety**

One individual or couple whose actions enhanced and promoted the community through caring actions and outstanding acts of humanitarianism; contributes towards making the City of Woodstock a safer place for residents of all ages shall be eligible. The recipient shall be nominated by a committee composed of equal representation from the Woodstock Police Services Association or the Woodstock Police Services Administration and the Woodstock Firefighters Association or the Woodstock Fire Administration. The Selection Committee shall review the nominations and determine the recipient.

#### **402.3.2 Environmental Protection and Enhancement**

One individual or couple whose actions demonstrate an outstanding commitment to the promotion and preservation of the City of Woodstock's natural environment for present and future generations shall be eligible. The recipient shall be proposed by the Woodstock Environmental Advisory Committee. The Selection Committee shall review the nomination and determine the recipient.

#### **402.3.3 Sports and Recreation**

One individual or couple whose actions during the year enhanced the quality of physical activity in the City; who contributed to the management and/or operations of a sports or recreation activity; demonstrated outstanding dedication to the City's sports and recreation community shall be eligible. The recipient shall be proposed by the Woodstock Recreational Advisory Committee. The Selection Committee shall review the nominations and determine the recipient.

#### **402.3.4 Youth Programs**

One individual or couple who supported the City's youth through the development, provision and/or participation in youth programs and activities (excluding amateur athletics; see Sports and Recreation above), proposed by a member of Council, a member of the public in writing to the Clerk, or by the Woodstock Youth Advisory Committee shall be eligible. The written submission shall include the necessary information to confirm the eligibility of the proposed recipient. The Selection Committee shall review the nominations and determine the recipient.

#### **402.3.5 Service to Older Persons**

One individual or couple who enhanced and/or enriched the quality of life for the City's older persons through volunteerism, proposed by a member of the Council, or by a member of the public in writing to the Clerk shall be eligible. The recipient shall be proposed by a non-profit City Senior Citizens organization whose main purpose is to provide seniors programs or assist the seniors such as, but not limited to, Southgate Centre. The written submission shall include the necessary information to confirm the eligibility of the proposed recipient. The Selection Committee shall review the nominations and determine the recipient.

#### **402.3.6 Physically Challenged**

One individual or couple who enhanced and/or enriched the quality of life for the City's disabled persons proposed by the Woodstock Accessibility Advisory Committee shall be eligible. The Selection Committee shall review the nominations and determine the recipient.

### **Article 4 - General Provisions**

#### **402.4.1 Permanent record**

The Clerk shall be responsible to maintain a permanent record for viewing by the public of all such Awards of Excellence awarded.

#### **402.4.2 Administration of the program**

The Clerk shall be responsible to request the nominations for Student Award of Excellence.

#### **402.4.3 Nominations - submission**

Nominations for all awards shall be submitted to the Clerk's office.

#### **402.4.4 Advertising - promotion - calling of meetings**

The Mayor's office shall be responsible for all advertising and promotion of the Awards of Excellence Program. Council (the Selection Committee) shall determine the type of award to be presented.

## **Article 5 - Repeal - Enactment**

### **402.5.1 By-law - previous**

All by-laws previous to this Chapter pertaining to this matter are hereby repealed.

### **402.5.2 Effective date**

This Chapter shall come into force and have effect upon the third and final reading of the enabling by-law. By-law 8667-11, March 17 2011.