

Subject: Citizen Recognition Program Recommendations**APPROVALS:****Annette Antoniak**_____
Director_____
Chief Administrative Officer**Recommended Motion:**

THAT the Community Services Committee (CSC) recommendations for the 2017 Citizen Recognition Program be approved and kept confidential until they are announced at the Mayor and Council's Toast of Champions Ceremony on January 25, 2018.

Summary:

The CSC is comprised of six members from the public-at-large appointed by Council, and one Council representative. In the Citizen Recognition Policy (PRL-090) approved on June 26, 2012, it states that the CSC is responsible for reviewing eligible nominations and recommending recipients for Council approval.

Background:

The program was developed to acknowledge outstanding individuals or groups that make a significant contribution or positive impact in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. The CSC met on November 1, 2017, to review eight (8) nominations and candidates were shortlisted based on completion of application, broad community impact, notable philanthropic efforts, and volunteer commitment. The CSC unanimously recommended seven (7) recipients for the Citizen Recognition Program.

Budget/Financial Implications:

The 2017 approved budget for the Citizen Recognition Program is \$62,000.

Rationale for Recommendation:

The recommendations presented by the CSC adhere to the criteria outlined in PRL-09 and CSC members unanimously agreed on the designated recipients.

Strategic Plan Linkages:

Pillar 1 - Building Responsible Government

Attachments:

1. Citizen Recognition Program PRL-090