



Subject: Citizen Recognition Program Recommendations

APPROVALS:

Carole Bouchard, Director
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Administrative Recommendation:

THAT the Community Services Committee recommendation for the 2016 Citizen Recognition Program be approved and be kept confidential until it is revealed at the Toast of Champions Ceremony on January 26, 2017.

Summary:

The Citizen Recognition Program Policy (PRL-090) approved on June 26, 2012, states that the Community Services Committee (CSC) is responsible to review all eligible nominations and recommend recipients for Council approval.

Background:

Initially established in 1998, the Citizen Recognition Program Policy (PRL-090) was developed to acknowledge outstanding individuals or groups that make a significant contribution or positive impact within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

The CSC met on Wednesday, November 2, 2016, to review all 13 nominations for the Citizen Recognition Program – Mayor and Council’s Toast of Champions. The CSC short listed candidates based on completion of their application, their broad community impact, notable philanthropic efforts and volunteer commitment.

The CSC unanimously recommended eight (8) recipients for the Citizen Recognition Program, seven (7) are based in the Urban Service Area and one (1) in the Rural Service Area.

Budget/Financial Implication:

The 2016 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 the Citizen Recognition Program Policy (PRL-090). CSC members unanimously agreed the eight (8) nominees were worthy of being recognized at the Mayor and Council’s Toast of Champions on January 26, 2017, for their many outstanding efforts and contributions to Wood Buffalo.

Strategic Plan Linkage:

The Citizen Recognition Program acknowledges outstanding individuals or groups that make a significant contribution or positive impact for the citizens in the region and will be recognized by Mayor and Council at the Mayor and Council's Toast of Champions.

Pillar 1 – Building Responsible Government

Attachment:

1. List of Recommended Nominees (confidential)