
IN-CAMERA REPORT

Date: May 25, 2021
To: City Council
From: Tatiana Dafoe, City Clerk
Attachments: Correspondence and Nomination Forms – Senior of the Year and Ontario Senior Achievement Award

Title: Senior of the Year and Ontario Senior Achievement Award – 2021 Nominations

Reason/Reasons for In-camera:

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual(s) including municipal employees or local board employees (section 239.(2)(b)).

Objective: To nominate a senior in our community for the Senior of the Year Award and for the Ontario Senior Achievement Award.

Background and Analysis: Council has been invited by the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility to participate in the annual Senior of the Year Award and the Ontario Senior Achievement Award.

The annual Senior of the Year Award was created to give each municipality in Ontario the opportunity to recognize an outstanding local senior who, after the age of 65, has enriched the social, cultural or civic life of his or her community.

Nominees for the annual Senior of the Year Award must:

- Have contributed to the community after the age of 65
- Be a resident of Ontario
- Be a person who has made their community a better place to live
- Be nominated by a municipality in Ontario.

An individual cannot be nominated for achievements related to a current political appointment.

The deadline for submitting a nomination for the Senior of the Year Award is May 31, 2021.

In 2020, Michele Boniface was nominated by Council but her nomination was unable to be submitted to the Ministry due to COVID-19. Ms. Boniface could be considered for the award in 2021.

Past nominees have been Michele Boniface (2020 Nominated but not awarded by Ministry), Ruth Kneider (2019), Eleanor Kane (2018), Andy Werner (2017), Bonnie Richardson (2016), Keith Culliton (2015), Bill and Marion Douglas (2014), Richard Kneider (2013), Sheila Clarke (2012), Harry Visser (2011), Marg Wade (2010), Ted Blowes (2009), Bob Boyce (2008), Bob Miller (2007), Tom Fairburn (2006), Bill Somerville (2005), Art Boon (2004).

At a previous In-camera Session the following direction was also given:

In-camera Direction: That the City Council nominee for the annual Senior of the Year Award also be City Council's nominee for the Ontario Senior Achievement Award.

Nominees for the Ontario Senior Achievement Award must:

- Have contributed to the community after the age of 65
- Be a resident of Ontario
- Be a person who has made their community a better place to live
- Be nominated by a municipality in Ontario.

Seniors who qualify for this award may have contributed to many different fields such as the arts, literature, community service, volunteering, education, environment, fitness, and humanitarian activities. The deadline for nominations is June 15 each year.

Past nominees have been Michele Boniface (2020), Ruth Kneider (2019), Eleanor Kane (2018), Andy Werner (2017), Bonnie Richardson (2016), Richard Kneider (2013), Ted Blowes (2010), Bob Boyce (2008), Ray Waller (2006), Keith Culliton (2004).

Financial Impact: None identified.

Alignment with Strategic Priorities:

Strengthening our Plans, Strategies and Partnerships

Partnering with the community to make plans for our collective priorities in arts, culture, heritage and more. Communicating clearly with the public around our plans and activities.

Staff Recommendation: THAT Council consider a nominee for the 2021 Senior of the Year Award who will also be City's Council's nominee for the 2021 Ontario Senior Achievement Award.

Prepared by: Tatiana Dafoe, City Clerk

Recommended by: Joan Thomson, Chief Administrative Officer