

Report to Municipal Council



Meeting Date: March 19, 2025	Report Date: March 12, 2025
Reason Before Council: Policy Direction / Approval	Priority: Normal
Department: General Government	Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting

Report Title: Senior of the Year Award

Recommended Resolution:

That Council endorses the Senior of the Year Award and directs staff to promote the submission of candidates to be reviewed and nominated at the April 16 Regular Meeting of Council.

Analysis & Background:

From the last Age Friendly Committee meeting, the recommendation was to restart the Ontario Senior of the Year Award.

Prior to Covid, Council would on a yearly basis put a call out for nominations for a Senior of the Year Award which is administered by the Province.

Council may also choose to recognize additional candidates however only one (1) nomination is allowed per Municipality. Additional awards would be from Council.

Because it is a decision to be made at Council and the due date is April 30, 2025, we require additional lead time to promote the award.

The requirements of the award can be found below. In addition, past nominations required a short rational / reason for the nomination in addition to the required information found below.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/honours-and-awards-community>

From the Website

"This award is given by a municipality to recognize an outstanding senior who, after age 65, enriches the social, cultural or civic life of the community."

**Eligibility**

The person you nominate (the nominee) must be:

- *at least 65 years of age*
- *a resident of Ontario*
- *a living person who has made their community a better place to live*
- *nominated by a municipality in Ontario*

You cannot nominate:

- *yourself*
- *someone who has passed away*
- *elected federal, provincial, municipal representatives or political appointees*

Required information

To submit a nomination, you will need to provide:

- *The municipality's information, address, email and phone number*
- *The nominee's first name, last name, home address, email address and phone number*
- *The municipal representative's title, first name, last name, email address and phone number. etc.)*

How to nominate someone

1. *Gather the required information.*
2. *Create an account (or sign in for returning users) on the Ontario Honours and Awards Portal.*
3. *Submit your nomination on the portal.*

[Go to nomination portal](#)

If you don't want to apply online, you can download the [Ontario Senior of the Year nomination form](#) and submit it by mail to:

*Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
1075 Bay Street, 7th Floor
Toronto, Ontario M5S 2B1*

Only municipalities can submit a nomination. If you know someone who should be considered for this award, please contact your municipality.

Deadline

The deadline to nominate someone is April 30 of each year. Nominations received after the deadline will be considered in the following year.

Selection process

If nomination criteria are met, a certificate will be mailed to the municipality within three to four weeks of receiving the submission.



Award presentation

The award certificates are presented to recipients at a local event, typically during Seniors' Month in June."

Tentative schedule

Decision Date: April 16, Regular Meeting of Council

Submission of nomination: April 16-17

Presentation to Senior: Past presentations were at the last lunch held at the Seniors Club by the Mayor or designate.

Attachments:

- Nil.

Prepared By: Denis Turcot, CAO