



OAKVILLE

REPORT

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 03, 2016

FROM: Planning Services Department

DATE: September 27, 2016

SUBJECT: Nominations for Ontario Heritage Trust Awards

LOCATION: Town wide

WARD: Town wide

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the nominees for the Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award and Young Heritage Leaders program, as set out in confidential Appendix A of the report from Planning Services department, dated September 27, 2016, be endorsed.

KEY FACTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- The Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Awards recognize achievements in four categories: Youth Achievement; Lifetime Achievement; Community Leadership; and, Excellence in Conservation.
- The Ontario Heritage Trust's Young Heritage Leaders program celebrates youth achievements in identifying, preserving, protecting and promoting local heritage.
- These nominations were submitted to heritage planning staff following consultation and communication with local heritage and cultural organizations.

BACKGROUND:

The Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Awards, administered by the Ontario Heritage Trust, are prestigious awards that recognize exceptional contributions to heritage conservation, environmental sustainability and biodiversity, and cultural and natural heritage. These awards are presented annually at a ceremony at Queen's Park in Toronto, and are given for: Youth Achievement, Lifetime Achievement, Community Leadership and Excellence in Conservation.

To qualify for program recognition, achievements should demonstrate excellence through: leadership (initiative, inspires others); commitment (investment of time and resources, shows perseverance and dedication); creativity (ingenuity, innovative

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approaches); and, impact (makes a difference on the community, benefits the broader public good) as they relate to heritage conservation.

The Young Heritage Leaders program recognizes young volunteers who have also made important contributions to conserving Ontario’s heritage. Nominees to this program have made exceptional volunteer contributions to heritage conservation and have demonstrated: leadership, commitment, creativity, positive impact on the community and good conservation practices.

Nominations to the Young Heritage Leaders program are automatically considered for the Lieutenant Governor’s Ontario Heritage Award for Youth Achievement, which is awarded to the top individual and top groups nominated for the award.

Municipalities may only nominate one person or individual per category, and nominations must be endorsed by municipal council. Staff have consulted with local heritage and cultural organizations to prepare the nominations for 2016. The Heritage Oakville Advisory Committee endorsed the nominations at their meeting on September 27, 2016.

COMMENT/OPTIONS:

Nominations for the 2016 heritage awards programs have been submitted by community organizations in both the Lifetime Achievement category and the Young Heritage Leaders program. Heritage Planning staff have worked with the Trafalgar Township Historical Society and the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton to prepare the nomination information. The nominees and their activities are described in Appendix A, which is attached as a confidential appendix.

Upon receiving Council endorsement, Heritage Planning staff will send the nomination packages to the Ontario Heritage Trust for review and adjudication. The municipality will be notified by the Ontario Heritage Trust of the award recipients in late 2016 or early 2017.

CONSIDERATIONS:

- (A) **PUBLIC**
None
- (B) **FINANCIAL**
None
- (C) **IMPACT ON OTHER DEPARTMENTS & USERS**
None

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(D) CORPORATE AND/OR DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC GOALS

This report addresses the corporate strategic goal to:

- enhance our cultural environment
- be the most livable town in Canada

(E) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY

This report generally complies with the sustainability guidelines of the Livable Oakville Plan.

APPENDICES:

Confidential Appendix A – OHT Nominations 2016 (*See confidential addendum.*)

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