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TOWN OF AURORA

2017 COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARDS – CATEGORIES & CRITERIA

The Town of Aurora recognizes and honours volunteers who help create a community where individuals, groups and businesses actively support the Town's development and enhance the overall community.

Do you know an individual, corporation or business that deserves to be recognized for their outstanding contributions to our community? If so, please complete the nomination form below along with a detailed description to support your nomination and submit your signed form no later than **Friday, April 7, 2017**.

Winners will be recognized at the Community Recognition Awards Ceremony on **Monday, May 29, 2017**.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

Awarded to individuals with 20 or more (25, 30, 35, 40) years of continuous service to the Aurora Community

Criteria:

- Nomination form must be accompanied by a letter of reference verifying the years of continuous service.

** If your organization would like to recognize service awards for 5, 10 or 15 years of continued service, please submit a nomination form indicating the years of service and the Mayor and Members of Council would be happy to present these awards to the volunteers at your Annual General Meeting.

YOUTH VOLUNTEER AWARD

This award is presented to a citizen up to the age of 19, who, through their volunteer efforts, has made a significant contribution to the community and has demonstrated their commitment to being a positive leader today and in the future;

Criteria:

- Nominee must be 19 years of age or younger and have volunteered on behalf of or within the Town of Aurora for at least two (2) years.
- Nominees will not be considered for this award if their nomination involved earning hours for their Community Service Requirement or for fulfilling duties of their employment.
- Nomination form must be accompanied by a letter detailing the nominee's contribution.

GREEN AWARD

Honouring an individual or organization that supports the protection, preservation, sustainability or conservation of our natural environment, this award celebrates those who share the Town's commitment to creating a greener community;

Criteria:

- Nominee must have made a significant impact on the natural environment locally or provincially in the previous year.
- Nomination form must be accompanied by a letter detailing the individual's or organization's contribution.



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ARTS AND CULTURE AWARD

Inspired by the Johnsons family, this award is presented to an individual or group that has enhanced our community through their support or promotion of culture, music, visual, performing, or the literary arts;

Criteria:

- Nominee must have made a significant impact on the arts locally or provincially in the previous year.
- Nomination form must be accompanied by a letter detailing the individual's or group's contribution.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award is presented to an individual or not-for-profit organization that has significantly enhanced the Town through their contribution, commitment and leadership in the areas of charitable giving, civic engagement, community events or community spirit;

Criteria:

- Nomination form must be accompanied by a letter detailing the organizer/organization's contribution.

GOOD NEIGHBOUR AWARD

Inspired by Frank Camenzuli, this award is presented to someone who embodies what it means to be a good neighbour, this award recognizes and celebrates the simple acts of kindness and compassion that help create connected and vibrant neighbourhoods;

Criteria:

- Nominees will not be considered for this award if their nomination involved monetary compensation or fulfilling duties of their employment.
- Nomination form must be accompanied by a letter detailing the individual's contribution.

GOOD BUSINESS AWARD

This award is presented to a business that has shown its commitment to corporate responsibility and community involvement through its ongoing support of charitable causes, events or programs;

Criteria:

- Nomination form must be accompanied by a letter detailing the businesses contributions to the overall health and well-being of our community.

INCLUSIVITY AWARD

This award is presented to an individual, group or business which has contributed to making the Town of Aurora an inclusive place to live, work and play for all people regardless of race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, family status, or disability;

Criteria:

- Nomination form must be accompanied by a letter detailing the individual's, group's or business's contribution to making Aurora a more inclusive place to work and play.



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COMMUNITY SAFETY AWARD

Presented to an individual dedicated to the development, promotion or support of initiatives that improve community safety, this award recognizes that safer communities only happen when individuals take action to make a difference.

Criteria:

- Nomination form must be accompanied by a letter detailing the individual's, group's or business's contribution to the improvement of overall community safety.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Town of Aurora's Citizen of the Year Award is an annual event recognizing the exceptional contributions made by a local citizen to our community.

The Citizen of the Year Award has been awarded by the Town of Aurora since 1970. This individual is selected by the Office of the Mayor in consultation with a small group of dedicated community volunteers. The award recipient has demonstrated all-round community involvement rather than specific activity or contribution.

Criteria:

- Nominee must be a citizen of the Town of Aurora who is at least 16 years of age, excluding elected Members of Council or employees of the Town of Aurora.
- Nominations may be made by an individual citizen, a group of citizens, and/or a Town organization.
- Nomination form must be accompanied by a letter of no more than two (2) pages, detailing the recent or ongoing activities or contributions of the nominee in the Town of Aurora. These activities should demonstrate all-round community involvement rather than a specific activity or contribution.

Special consideration may be given to nominees younger than 16 years of age, if the evaluation group deems such a nomination applicable and the nominee meets all other criteria.

The evaluation group will give priority to nominations that recognize a nominee's recent or ongoing activities or contributions to the Town of Aurora. Special consideration may be given to posthumous nominations or to nominees whose activities or contributions occurred more than three (3) years ago, if the evaluation group deems such nominations applicable and the nominee meets all other criteria.

Nominations will be accepted until **Friday, April 7, 2017**. All nominations can be emailed to sware@aurora.ca or mailed to:

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100 John West Way, Box 1000
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ATTENTION:
2017 COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD NOMINATION



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Please complete all fields of the 2017 Community Recognition Awards Nomination Form (print) ensuring the correct spelling of each name. Nominations will be accepted until **Friday, April 7, 2017.**

Date _____

Nominator _____

Organization (if applicable) _____

Address _____

Postal Code _____

Telephone (daytime) _____

Telephone (evening) _____

Email address _____

Category:

Volunteer Service Awards (5, 10, 15 years)
(Presented at the organizations AGM)

Volunteer Service Awards (20, 25, 30, 35, 40 years)

Good Neighbour Award

Youth Volunteer Award

Community Leadership Award

Green Award

Good Business Award

Arts and Culture Award

Inclusivity Award

Citizen of the Year Award

Community Safety Award

Date _____

I Nominate _____

Address _____

Postal Code _____

Telephone (daytime) _____

Telephone (evening) _____

Email address _____

Please attach a letter detailing your nominee's contributions and reasons for making this nomination.