

To: Community and Operations Services Committee

From: Kevin Alexander, Commissioner,  
Community and Operations Services Department

Report Number: CO-25-07

Date of Report: March 12, 2025

Date of Meeting: March 17, 2025

Subject: Selection of the 2025 Oshawa Community Legend Award  
Recipient

Ward: All Wards

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## **1.0 Purpose**

The purpose of this Report is to present the nominations for the selection of the 2025 Oshawa Community Legend Award and to amend the methods of recognition that are presented to the recipient.

Attachment 1 are the procedures and criteria for recognition of the Oshawa Community Legend Recognition Program.

Confidential Attachment 2 contains the nominations for consideration for the Oshawa Community Legend Award in 2025.

Attachment 3 is the Oshawa Community Legend Award recipients from 2008 – 2024.

## **2.0 Recommendation**

That the Community and Operations Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That based on Report CO-25-07 dated March 12, 2025 concerning the selection of the 2025 Oshawa Community Legend Award recipient:

1. That the Community and Operations Services Committee select the 2025 Oshawa Community Legend Award recipient from the list of nominations presented in Confidential Attachment 2 of said Report; and,
2. That the list of items received by the 2025 Oshawa Community Legend Award recipient be revised in accordance with Section 4.2 and Attachment 1 of said Report; and,

3. That the 2025 Oshawa Community Legend Award be presented to the selected recipient at a future meeting of Council.

### **3.0 Input From Other Sources**

- Corporate Leadership Team
- Legal Services
- Legislative Services

### **4.0 Analysis**

#### **4.1 Background on Oshawa Community Legend Award**

On January 16, 2006, Council approved of the procedure and criteria for the recognition of a Community Legend at the Delpark Homes Centre. The goal of this annual program is to celebrate the accomplishments of an Oshawa Community Legend and to recognize individuals and/or groups who have significantly contributed to their discipline or the Oshawa community. The procedures and criteria for determining the Oshawa Community Legend Award recipient are attached to this report as Attachment 1.

#### **4.2 Oshawa Community Legend Award Recognition**

The Oshawa Community Legend Award recipient is currently recognized with the following items:

- a letter from the Mayor
- a certificate
- their name on a permanent plaque in the main corridor at Delpark Homes Centre
- their name in a display cabinet at Delpark Homes Centre for a period of one year
- a complimentary three (3) month Level 1 fitness membership

It is staff's recommendation to revise this list of items with the removal of the successful recipient's name in the display cabinet at Delpark Homes Centre, but to continue with the announcement on the City's corporate website, through a media release and digital marketing. It is staff's opinion that the usage of a display cabinet to highlight the recipient is an outdated practice and staff at Delpark Homes Centre frequently receive inquiries from local sport community organizations to utilize the cabinet to display their trophies and awards and to promote their programs and registration dates.

#### **4.3 2025 Oshawa Community Legend Award Nominations**

A total of fifteen (15) nominations were received in response to this program on the City of Oshawa website, digital marketing, pamphlets and nomination forms at City of Oshawa recreation facilities, branches of the OSCC 55+ and Oshawa Public Libraries.

The Community and Operations Services Committee is requested to select one Community Legend from the list of potential nominees contained in Confidential Attachment 2 to this Report for recommendation to City Council.

## 5.0 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications resulting from the recommendations contained in this Report.

## 6.0 Relationship to the Oshawa Strategic Plan

This report responds to the Oshawa Strategic Plan Priority Area “Lead: Governance and Service Excellence” with the goal to embrace innovation and advance continuous improvement initiatives and actions.



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