

To: Community and Operations Services Committee

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

Report Number: CO-26-12

Date of Report: April 8, 2026

Date of Meeting: April 13, 2026

Subject: Selection of the 2026 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 2026 Oshawa Community Legend Award.

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

Confidential Attachment 2 contains the nominations for consideration for the Oshawa Community Legend Award in 2026.

## **2.0 Recommendation**

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

That based on Report CO-26-12 dated April 8, 2026 concerning the selection of the 2026 Oshawa Community Legend Award recipient:

1. That the Community and Operations Services Committee select the 2026 Oshawa Community Legend Award recipient from the nominations presented in Confidential Attachment 2 of said Report; and,
2. That the 2026 Oshawa Community Legend Award be presented to the selected recipient at the Oshawa Community Awards Special Meeting of Council.

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

- Corporate Performance & Strategic Initiatives
- Legal Services
- Legislative Services

### **4.0 Analysis**

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

At its meeting of January 16, 2006, Council approved the criteria and procedure 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 criteria and procedures for determining the Oshawa Community Legend Award recipient are attached to this report as Attachment 1.

At its meeting of January 26, 2026, Council approved the consolidation of the City's various award programs into a single, unified awards program re-branded as the Oshawa Community Awards. To elevate the awards and enhance the recipient experience, a special Meeting of Council will be convened to present all awards under the Oshawa Community Awards program at the same time. The ceremony will highlight the range of community contributions being recognized and create a more meaningful and celebratory experience for recipients, members of Council, and the public.

#### **4.2 2026 Oshawa Community Legend Award Nominations**

A total of six (6) individuals and/or organizations were nominated. The Community and Operations Services Committee is requested to select one recipient from the list of 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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## **Community Legend Award**

The Community Legend Award recognizes a person of any age or an organization/group who:

- Made a significant contribution to an activity, sport or community initiative as a volunteer.
- Contributed to improving the quality of life of the Oshawa community.
- The nominee does not need to be an Oshawa resident, they must have made a significant impact on the Oshawa community at a grassroots level through arts and culture, sports or community initiatives.
- May be of any age.
- Has not received recognition through other organizations.
- Cannot be self-nominated.
- Cannot be nominated posthumously.

### **Nominations must:**

- Be submitted and endorsed by an individual or an organization.
- Be submitted on a City nomination form.
- Identify the merit of the individual being nominated.
- Provide evidence of the impact of the individual on the Oshawa community.

### **Nomination Process:**

Nominations must include a summary that adequately describes the individuals' accomplishments in either arts and culture, sports or community initiatives and how they have contributed to or impacted the Oshawa community.

### **Selection Committee:**

The Commissioner, Community and Operations Services Department will verify that the nominations under consideration meet the eligibility criteria. The Community and Operations Services Committee will recommend an award recipient to City Council for approval.

**Recognition:**

- A letter from the Mayor.
- A certificate.
- A complimentary three (3) month Level 1 fitness membership.
- Their name on a permanent plaque in the main corridor at Delpark Homes Centre.
- Their name and achievements are highlighted on the corporate website, featured in a media release, and promoted across social media channels.