



Subject: COVID-19 Community Recognition Awards Recipients

Department: Administration

Division: CAO

Report #: CAO-2021-002

Meeting Date: 2021-04-12

Recommendations

That report CAO-2021-002, COVID-19 Community Recognition Awards Recipients be received;

And that a donation in the amount of \$80 be given to the Orangeville Food Bank from the Community Grant Program on behalf of the award recipients.

Background and Analysis

Council brought a motion forward at the August 10, 2020 meeting requesting a recognition program for those deserving Orangeville residents, businesses and organizations for their outstanding efforts within the community during the COVID-19 pandemic. On September 28, 2020 report CAO-2020-012, titled COVID-19 community recognition awards were presented to Council with an outline of the award nomination process and in addition Council requested that in lieu of plaques, a donation be made to a local charity.

In October the COVID-19 community recognition nomination form was released on the Town's marketing platforms and the nomination form will remain open until the end of the pandemic.

On December 14, 2020, report CAO-2020-002, COVID-19 Community Recognition award recipients was presented with the list of the successful award recipients and a donation in the amount of \$600 was given to the Orangeville Food Bank on their behalf from the Community Grant Program.

Below is the list of successful eligible recipients since December 2020.

Pottery Parties in the Hills

Tanya Frew is the owner / operator of the Pottery Parties in the Hills located within the Mill Street Mall. In April of 2020 when the COVID pandemic struck, Ms. Frew altered her business model to accommodate her customers by offering take home ceramic painting kits. Ms. Frew would provide all the socially distanced drop offs and pick ups of the kits for months. The customers and nominators of the Pottery Parties submission say that “Tanya kept me sane with projects while quarantining and I am forever thankful for every piece that kept me busy”.

Orangeville Lions Club

The Orangeville Lions Club has been part of the Orangeville community since 1949 and has assisted in bringing many great community events and amenities to the area. During the pandemic the members have been focusing their efforts on outdoor recreational amenities such as the Natural Playscape at Island Lake Conservation Area. The Club has, under COVID protocols, successfully held numerous food drives and over the Christmas holidays collected 1,703 lbs of food and over \$2,700 for the Orangeville Food Bank. The Orangeville Lions Club members continue to take great pride in serving their community and have stepped up where needed during the pandemic.

The COVID community recognition [nominee form](#) remains open on the Town’s website and further updates on successful recipients will be presented to Council on a quarterly basis.

Strategic Alignment**Orangeville Forward – Strategic Plan**

Priority Area: Community Stewardship

Objective: Encourage and strengthen participation in the community by people of all ages.

Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan

Theme: Social Well-Being

Strategy: Promote Orangeville as an engaged, inclusive community for all.

Notice Provisions

Not applicable.

Financial Impact

As per the recommendation of Council to seek a donation to a location charity in lieu of a plaque. The total donation is based on the original estimates of \$40 per plaque per award winner.

Therefore, a total of \$80 will be donated to the Orangeville Food Bank from the Community Grant Program on behalf of the successful recipients.

Respectfully submitted

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Attachment(s): 1. N/A