Notice of Motion

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Subject: Community Recognition Program

Proposed motion

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario have implemented Community Recognition Programs to celebrate the outstanding contributions of individuals, groups, and organizations who help make their communities vibrant, inclusive, and resilient; and

WHEREAS the Town of Orangeville benefits from the dedication of countless community champions whose efforts deserve recognition and appreciation; and

WHEREAS recognizing these contributions publicly helps build community pride, engagement, and a culture of civic participation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to develop a framework for a **Community Recognition Program** for the Town of Orangeville;

AND THAT the program include open nominations from the public, with clear and transparent parameters to guide the nomination and selection process;

AND THAT staff report back to Council no later than **May 26, 2025**, with a proposed structure, eligibility criteria, award categories, timelines, and implementation plan for Council's consideration;

AND THAT the goal be to hold the **first Community Recognition Awards presentation in September/October 2025**.

Background Information

Civic Recognition - City of Burlington

<u>Community Recognition Awards - Town of Aurora</u> (This one is kind of neat because they do just one intake per year but they have categories and this has the potential to include our accessibility champion, arts and culture, etc awards into one great event)