

Request for Decision



To: Committee of the Whole
From: **Deputy Corporate Officer**
Date: 2017-09-05
Subject: Volunteer Appreciation Night 2017 & Policy #204 update
Recommendation: **RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council to provide notice to the public calling for nominations from the public for exceptional volunteer service in the City of Grand Forks in accordance with Council Policy #204.**

RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole recommends to Council to replace Policy #204 - Volunteer of the City with an updated Policy #204-A1 at the Regular Meeting of Council on September 5, 2017.

Background

In August, 2009, Council adopted a policy outlining procedures, for the giving of recognition to a volunteer or a group of volunteers for service above and beyond those generally performed in the Community. A copy of the policy is attached for reference. The policy outlines that prior to giving any recognition of volunteers; the City must call for nominations publicly in a Regular Meeting of Council and through the City's newsletter. There are no time frames attached to the policy. The Volunteer Appreciation Night will be held in conjunction with Community Futures Small Business Awards night on Thursday, October 19, 2017.

Staff is requesting that the Call for Nominations be announced publicly at the September 5th, 2017 Regular Meeting and then advertised in the newspaper, on the website and Facebook. The Call for Nomination forms will be available at the City Hall reception desk and on the City's website. Completed nominations must be submitted to City Hall either in person or electronically, by Friday, September 29, 2017. The venue for this event will be The Curling Rink Banquet Room.


Staff would also like for Council to consider updating Policy #204 to increase staff efficiency, workplan scheduling, and include more efficient advertising options. The amended Policy #204-A1 is attached along with changed sections highlighted in Yellow and actual changes tracked in Red.


Benefits or Impacts


General


Council values community volunteers and believes that publicly recognizing individuals or groups of individuals who have gone above and beyond in serving our community is important.

Strategic Impact

 n/a

 n/a

 Volunteer recognition, event made possible through partnership with CF Boundary

 n/a

Policy/Legislation

Attachments

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Options

1. RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the report.
2. RESOLVED THAT Council does not accept the report.
3. RESOLVED THAT Council refers the matter back to staff for further information.