

Corporation of the Municipality of South Huron Community and Volunteer Appreciation Committee Minutes

Thursday, January 23, 2025, 4:00 p.m. Olde Town Hall - Verity Room

Members Present: Aaron Neeb, Member

Wendy McLeod-Haggitt, Member/Chair

Staff Present: Stacey Jeffery, Community Relations Manager

1. Call to Order

Chair McLeod-Haggitt called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Agenda

Motion: 01-2025

Moved: A. Neeb

Seconded: W. McLeod-Haggitt

That Community and Volunteer Appreciation Committee approves the Agenda as presented.

Disposition: Carried

3. <u>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and the General Nature thereof</u>

None.

4. <u>Minutes</u>

Motion: 02-2025

Moved: A. Neeb

Seconded: W. McLeod-Haggitt

That Community and Volunteer Appreciation Committee adopts the minutes of May 6, 2024, as printed and circulated.

Disposition: Carried

5. Business to be Discussed

5.1 Support for Volunteer Appreciation Event (April 23, 2025)

Members discussed that with a recognition event led by West Coast Active Living (WCAL) proceeding, there is not a need for a duplicate event in the community as previously discussed by the Committee.

It was noted that the correspondence mentioned that WCAL is pursing charity status and will be one at the time of event. Members discussed that in the event they are not yet a registered charity at the time of the event, the rental is subject to the User Fee By-law schedule.

South Huron currently has 21 committee members and 53 firefighters that serve as volunteers. Members discussed that it is important to recognize their volunteers and extending an invitation to the volunteer recognition event to a total of 74 municipal volunteers. For all 74 volunteers to attend the event at the suggested \$15/person (if no sponsorships are obtained), the total amount would be \$1110. This amount does not include members of Council or staff wishing to attend. If Council approves the extension of invitation to the 74 volunteers, staff will initiate collecting RSVP information from volunteers, with a deadline of mid to late February to provide to WCAL.

No additional requests were noted in the correspondence from WCAL regarding the event.

Additionally, it was noted that South Huron can support the event through promoting through various communication channels such as the municipal website, events calendar, Hub Newsletter, radio advertisement, and digital sign at Town Hall.

Motion: 03-2025

Moved: A. Neeb

Seconded: W. McLeod-Haggitt

That the Community and Volunteer Appreciation Committee recommend that South Huron Council waives the rental fee of the South Huron Recreation Centre for the Volunteer recognition event on April 23, 2025, hosted by West Coast Active Living, if a charity status is not obtained prior to April 23.

Disposition: Carried

Motion: 04-2025

Moved: W McLeod-Haggitt

Seconded: A. Neeb

That the Community and Volunteer Appreciation Committee recommend that South Huron Council extends an invitation for the volunteer recognition event to 74 municipal volunteers (Committee members and volunteer firefighters), sponsoring the recommended \$15 per attendee, up to a maximum of total sponsorship of \$1110.00.

Disposition: Carried

Motion: 05-2025

Moved: W McLeod-Haggitt

Seconded: A. Neeb

That the Community and Volunteer Appreciation Committee recommends to South Huron Council to promote the volunteer appreciation event across all municipal communication channels.

Disposition: Carried

5.2 Additional Committee Recognition for Community and Volunteers

Members discussed what additional ways to recognize volunteers in South Huron. The addition of volunteer names, from the 2025 volunteer recognition event can be featured on SouthHuron.ca and promoted in the Hub after the event takes place (if WCAL approves of this).

6. Correspondence

6.1 WCAL Volunteer Event Update - WCAL Notes from January 15, 2025 Meeting

Detailed discussion of this correspondence occurred under item 5.1.

7. Other Business

None noted.

8. Adjournment

Motion: 06-2025

Moved: A. Neeb

Seconded: W. McLeod-Haggitt

That Community and Volunteer Appreciation Committee hereby adjourns at

4:34 p.m., to meet again at the Call of the Chair.

Disposition: Carried

Wendy McLeod-Haggitt, Chair Stacey Jeffery, Recording Secretary