



Legislation Text

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Awards of Excellence Program Policy C-AD25 Revisions

Proposed Motions

1. That the Awards of Excellence Program Policy C-AD25 Revisions be received for information, as presented.
2. That revised Awards of Excellence Program Policy C-AD25 be presented to Council at the September 10, 2019 Council meeting.

Administration Recommendation

Administration supports the proposed motions.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to consolidate several different awards programs into one Parkland County program with a consistent, simplified application, adjudication and awards process.

Summary

Parkland County currently has several different awards programs that are all managed and administered in different ways. These include the current Awards of Excellence Program, Sustainability Awards Program, Agricultural Bursary Program and the Recognition of Community Associations (Volunteer of the Year) program. The intent of each is to recognize Parkland County residents who have distinguished themselves in various areas that benefit the community. Each has had its own application, adjudication and awards process. Currently, different levels of information are required for the different programs and the awards themselves are given out in different ways; some at Council, some at events.

The goal of the revised policy is to simplify and consolidate these programs into one program that has a common and consistent application, adjudication and awards process. The categories have been condensed to make things simpler and easier to follow for those wishing to recognize an individual, group or business. In terms of adjudication, Administration is proposing that we utilize the Committees of Council; namely the Community Sustainability Committee and Agriculture Services Board whom would review applications and make award recommendations to Council. Administratively, the Communications Department would assume responsibility for managing the program. Current funding already allocated for the existing programs will be reallocated to the Communications budget for administration of the program.

In the current Draft it is proposed that awards be presented at a Committee of the Whole meeting; Administration is certainly open to any feedback or direction the Committee may have on alternatives for Award presentations.

In terms of timing Administration will look to bring this Policy before Council September 10, 2019 for consideration and decision. If approved this new process would begin in 2020. The first set of awards under the revised Policy would be awarded in June of 2020.

Strategic Plan/Policy/Legal/Staff Implications:

Pillar 1: Complete Communities

Financial Impact:

Cost: n/a

Source of Funding: 0