



Legislation Text

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Policy C-AD25 Awards of Excellence Program

Proposed Motions

1. That revised Policy C-AD25 Awards of Excellence Program be adopted, as presented.
2. That Policy C-ES05 Sustainability Awards and C-RP10 Recognition of Community Associations be rescinded.

Administration Recommendation

Administration supports the proposed motion.

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.

This revised Policy was reviewed by Committee of the Whole on July 2nd and September 3rd, 2019. Members identified some concerns regarding definitions and eligibility. Administration has made revisions to address the concerns and these revisions have been highlighted in the attached Track Changes document. If approved this new process would begin in 2020 with the first set of awards under the revised Policy to be awarded in June.

Strategic Plan/Policy/Legal/Staff Implications:

Pillar 1: Complete Communities

Financial Impact:

Cost: n/a

Source of Funding: 0

