

HERITAGE VAUGHAN COMMITTEE JULY 17, 2013

4. CALL FOR NOMINATIONS, 2013 ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

Recommendation

Cultural Services recommends:

1. That Heritage Vaughan consider the eligibility criteria and recommend to Council nominees for the 2013 Ontario Heritage Trust Recognition Programs.

Contribution to Sustainability

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council in the Green Directions, Vaughan, Community Sustainability Environmental Master Plan, Goal 4, and Objective 4.1:

- To foster a city with strong social cohesion, an engaging arts scene, and a clear sense of its culture and heritage.

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

All agenda items and minutes relating to Heritage Vaughan committee meetings are circulated to relevant City departments, applicants and their representatives.

Purpose

To receive the subject call for nominations for the 2013 Ontario Heritage Trust Recognition Programs and put forward for consideration names of nominees for program.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Awards commemorate those who have contributed greatly to heritage conservation in their communities. Each year, recipients of these awards are invited to a special ceremony at Queen's Park, hosted by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

The Ontario Heritage Trust has issued a call for nominations for the three recognition programs offered for 2013 for outstanding contributions made to identifying, preserving, protecting and promoting Ontario's heritage.

The nomination deadline for all programs is September 30, 2013.

The three recognition programs offered by the Ontario Heritage Trust are as follows:

1.0 Community Leadership Program

Who is eligible for nomination?

Any community that has demonstrated leadership in built, cultural, natural heritage conservation and promotion can nominate themselves.

Nominees must be communities (a city, municipality, regional municipality, town, township, village, etc.). Institutions and community organizations (museums, historical societies, etc.) are not eligible for nomination. Communities that have previously submitted nominations can re-submit in subsequent years.

Nominations are submitted based on four population sub-categories:

- Population under 10,000
- Population from 10,000 to 50,000
- Population from 50,000 to 125,000
- Population over 125,000

About the award

The Community Leadership Program celebrates communities that lead the way in built, cultural and natural heritage conservation and promotion.

In 2008, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, in partnership with the Ontario Heritage Trust, launched the Community Leadership Program to recognize communities for exemplary leadership in built, cultural and natural heritage conservation and promotion.

Activities that qualify for nomination include: An integrated approach to conservation of heritage properties and resources, the protection of heritage resources through heritage bylaws and policies, support for heritage organizations and institutions, support for heritage volunteers, support for heritage festivals and events, demonstrated stewardship of municipally owned heritage properties.

Nomination requirements:

- Nominations must be endorsed by a motion of a municipal council.
- Nominations must also include two letters of support from the community.
- The nomination package should also include a detailed description of the community's leadership and achievements in built, cultural, natural heritage conservation and promotion.
- Supporting material should be provided, such as photographs of community projects, publications, media stories, photographs, letters of reference, and policy documents.
- Nominations must be submitted using the program nomination form. This form is available in PDF format at www.heritagetrust.ca
- Completed forms and supporting material is to be sent to the Trust by mail.

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2.0 Heritage Community Recognition Program - For Ontario residents over 18

Who is eligible for nomination?

Any resident of Ontario, over 18, who has made outstanding volunteer contributions in their community in the area of built, cultural or natural heritage conservation is eligible for nomination.

Heritage activities must have been provided without payment. Duties performed during the normal course of elected, professional or business work are not eligible.

Posthumous nominations are not eligible.

Small project groups may be nominated for built, cultural and natural heritage conservation. For example:

- a small steering or ad-hoc committee responsible for a special project
- co-authors of a local history publication
- partners who have restored a heritage home

The entire membership of an organization is not eligible – for example, Municipal Heritage Committee, historical society or the board of a conservation authority.

About the award

The Ontario Heritage Trust recognizes individuals and groups who have made volunteer contributions to preserving, protecting and promoting community heritage.

Since 1996, the Ontario Heritage Trust has asked Ontario municipalities, First Nations band councils and Métis community councils to nominate individuals in their communities who have made a significant contribution to the promotion, preservation or protection of Ontario's Built Heritage, Cultural Heritage and/or Natural Heritage.

Sub-categories

- Built Heritage
- Cultural Heritage
- Natural Heritage
- Life Achievement
- Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Lifetime Achievement

Nominations can be made for volunteers for the Lifetime Achievement award. This is for an individual who has made exceptional contributions to built, cultural, and/or natural heritage conservation for 20 to 24 years.

Nominations can be made for the special Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Lifetime Achievement. This award recognizes individuals who have made volunteer contributions to preserving, protecting and promoting community heritage over a period of 25 years or more.

Nomination requirements:

- Nominations must be endorsed by a motion of a municipal council. A council may submit a maximum of one nomination in each of the 5 sub-categories (Built Heritage, Cultural Heritage, Natural Heritage, Life Achievement, Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Lifetime Achievement).
- Nominations must also include two letters of support from the community.
- The nomination package should also include a detailed description of the community's leadership and achievements in built, cultural, natural heritage conservation and promotion.
- Supporting material should be provided, such as photographs of community projects, publications, media stories, photographs, letters of reference, and policy documents.
- Nominations must be submitted using the program nomination form. This form is available in PDF format at www.heritagetrust.ca
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3.0 Young Heritage Leaders - For Ontario residents up to 18

Who is eligible for nomination?

Any resident of Ontario, 18 and under, who has made outstanding contributions to their community in the area of built, cultural or natural heritage conservation can be nominated.

For schools, a specific class or small project group may also be nominated where the effort is shared. An entire student body of a school is not eligible.

Project groups from youth organizations, such as 4-H Clubs, Boy Scouts, Cadets, Field Naturalists, Girl Guide and others also qualify for nomination.

About the award

The Ontario Heritage Trust believes that we must inspire our young people to develop an interest in, and commitment to, our province's heritage. By tapping into new technologies, young people are well suited to bring our past into the future with a renewed vigour and expertise. The Ontario Heritage Trust honours young people who have contributed to the preservation of local Built Heritage, Cultural Heritage and/or Natural Heritage.

Individual and group nominees under the Young Heritage Leaders program will be considered for the Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Youth Achievement.

Sub-categories

- Built Heritage
- Cultural Heritage
- Natural Heritage

Nomination requirements:

- Nominations must be endorsed by a motion of a municipal council. School principals can also endorse nominations. Councils and principals can each submit one nomination in each of the three sub-categories.
- A detailed description of the nominee and their achievements.
- Supporting material, publications, media stories, photographs should be included.
- Nominations must be submitted using the program nomination form. This form is available in PDF format at www.heritagetrust.ca
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Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

In consideration of the strategic priorities related to Vaughan Vision 2020, the report will provide:

- STRATEGIC GOAL:
Service Excellence - Providing service excellence to citizens.
- STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:
Preserve our heritage and support diversity, arts and culture.

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council, however the necessary resources have not been allocated and approved.

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

Heritage Vaughan is encouraged to nominate candidates for these awards. If you would like more information and/or a copy of the nomination brochure, please contact Cultural Services staff.

Attachments

None

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