

Report to Council

Report Title: Volunteer Recognition Event

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Department: Administration

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Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CAO2019-08 – Volunteer Recognition Event, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer for information purposes and in doing so supports the volunteer appreciation event on May 29, 2019.

Report:

Background:

The Municipality of Brockton has many volunteers that contribute to making Brockton a wonderful place to live, work and play. Recognizing volunteers continues to be an important dimension of volunteer engagement as we find meaningful ways to show appreciation for the efforts of volunteers and to raise public awareness about the contributions volunteers make to Brockton.

Analysis:

Volunteers are the backbone of our community. The energy and commitment of our volunteers is one of our most valuable resources. Committees provide advice and recommendations to Council on a variety of issues, including Heritage, Recreation, Environment and Economic Development. The Municipality of Brockton has many volunteers that participate on committees, boards or volunteer in other capacities and we endeavor to recognize their importance to the community. A formal Volunteer Recognition Policy will be coming forward but this once yearly recognition event will be part of that Policy. We wish to hold this prior to the busy summer season.

To recognize the contributions of our volunteers the Municipality of Brockton would like to have a volunteer recognition barbeque and information session. The event is scheduled for May 29, 2019 at the Walkerton Community Centre. The barbeque will take place from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. All Brockton volunteers will receive a food voucher for the meal free of charge. Any accompanying members that would also like to attend the volunteer recognition will be charged a nominal fee for the barbeque.

There will be two information sessions scheduled during the barbeque. The first information session will take place at 4:00 p.m. and a second information session is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. The information sessions will celebrate the Community of Brockton’s 20 years since amalgamation and will provide an opportunity for volunteers to learn more about the value of all of our boards and committees and how they contribute to the success of Brockton. The two information sessions will also provide a chance for staff to review the Code of Conduct and Procedural By-law and a chance for potential volunteers to become invested in local Committees and projects. An invitation will be sent to all committees and boards in the near future.

This event supports the recommendation included in the Building a Better Brockton Sustainable Strategic Plan to “celebrate and recognize the contributions made by volunteers through volunteer recognition events.”

Sustainability Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Sustainable Strategic Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

- Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? Yes
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? Yes
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity? N/A

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

Council budgeted for volunteer recognition as part of the 2019 budget.

Reviewed By:



Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer