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REPORT DATE: January 10, 2022 **MEETING DATE:** January 25, 2022

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Carleen McDowell, Manager of Recreation and Culture

SUBJECT: **Amendments to 'Community Service Awards and Civic Recognition'
Council Policy C073**

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REVIEW/APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDATION(S):

THAT Council:

- A. Approve the amendments to the Community Service Awards and Civic Recognition Policy as presented at the January 25, 2022 meeting of Council; OR

- B. Other.

PURPOSE

To present to Council amendments to Council Policy C073, to modify the Age Category for the Youth Awards.

Information Report Decision Report Direction Report

DISCUSSION

Background:

In 2015, Council approved a 'Civic Recognition' Policy that created opportunities to recognize and celebrate accomplishments and contributions of Pitt Meadows residents, groups, and organizations throughout the year. In 2019, Council updated the policy to establish the annual Community Service Awards, a community-led process that allows peers to recognize and celebrate their fellow citizens. In 2021, amendments were brought forward for recognition of

former council members, streamlining of Civic Recognition Opportunities and amendments to process for Community Service Awards.

This policy is before Council at this time with a recommended amendment to the Community Service Awards Youth Categories. Currently, there are two age categories for Youth which are each allocated a \$500 bursary. The categories are currently youth 13-15 years old and 16-18 years old. Over the 3 years of presenting these awards there has been a limited number of youth applications received. Staff reach out directly to local school and community organizations in an attempt to get additional nominations.

This year a nomination for a child was received creating great discussion as to how best to recognize them and future children with such great dedication to the community. The Community Services Awards Task Force recommended that staff amend the Youth Category to be 13-18 years old and add a Child Category for 5-12 years old. As there were no additional nominations for the Youth Categories the CAO approved a change to the Terms of Reference to allow for the 2nd youth award to be given to a child. The amendment to this policy is to support flexibility in future years allowing two awards for Children and Youth under 18 years of age to be recognized. Combining the age groups with two awards allows the greatest flexibility to select if there isn't a nomination for either age group in a year.

All significant changes that impact the purpose or provisions of the policy have been highlighted in yellow for easy reference.

If Council wishes to review the current policy before amendments, it can be reviewed online at <https://www.pittmeadows.ca/city-hall/bylaws-policies/policies/c073>.

COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

- Principled Governance Balanced Economic Prosperity Corporate Excellence
 Community Spirit & Wellbeing Transportation & Infrastructure Initiatives
 Not Applicable

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- None Budget Previously Approved Referral to Business Planning
 Other

There are no financial impacts anticipated with these amendments.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

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Referral Yes No

SIGN-OFFS

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ATTACHMENT(S):

- A. DRAFT Community Service Awards & Civic Recognition Policy C073