

Owen Sound Ambassador of the Year Award

Nomination Form

Thank you for taking the time to nominate an exceptional individual, group, organization or business for the Owen Sound Ambassador of the Year Award.

The Owen Sound Ambassador of the Year Award recognizes those who have made an outstanding contribution to promoting, representing or enhancing the reputation of the City of Owen Sound.

An Ambassador may have made their contribution through tourism, sport, business, community leadership, public service, innovation, environmental stewardship, education, reconciliation, inclusion, heritage, events or other activities that bring positive attention to Owen Sound. The award recognizes contributions that create recognition, pride, participation, investment, opportunity or goodwill for the community.

Nominations are open until [DATE] at 4:30 p.m.

Please note that the information you provide in this form is the only material reviewed by the Selection Committee. No additional research or external information will be considered. For this reason, detailed and thoughtful responses are essential.

Nominations will be evaluated based on the nominee's demonstrated contribution to representing and enhancing Owen Sound, including but not limited to:

- Positive representation of Owen Sound
- Impact on the Owen Sound community
- Contribution to community pride and the City's reputation
- Leadership, achievement or innovation
- Raising awareness or visibility of Owen Sound
- Demonstrated inclusion, respect and community-mindedness
- The significance, uniqueness or lasting nature of the contribution

Your careful and complete submission helps ensure deserving Ambassadors receive the recognition they have earned. Please provide as much detail as possible.

Thank you for helping us recognize those who make Owen Sound a community to be proud of.

Award Criteria

Please read the award criteria before completing.

Purpose:

- To recognize an individual, group, organization or business that has made an outstanding contribution to promoting, representing or enhancing the reputation of the City of Owen Sound.

Criteria:

- Positive Representation of Owen Sound: Has represented Owen Sound in a positive, respectful and meaningful way at a local, regional, provincial, national or international level.
- Enhanced Community Profile: Has helped raise awareness of Owen Sound as a desirable place to live, visit, invest, create, learn, compete or participate.
- Contribution to Civic Pride: Has inspired pride among residents and strengthened the community's identity, reputation or sense of belonging.
- Leadership or Achievement: Has demonstrated leadership, excellence or achievement in a field or activity that reflects positively on the City.
- Community Impact: Has contributed to the social, cultural, recreational, environmental, economic or civic well-being of Owen Sound.
- Inclusion and Respect: Has demonstrated conduct that reflects the City's values of inclusion, respect, accessibility, equity, reconciliation and community-mindedness.
- Sustained or Exceptional Contribution: Has made a sustained contribution over time or achieved a significant one-time accomplishment that brought recognition or benefit to Owen Sound.
- Role Modelling and Goodwill: Has acted as a positive role model and helped build goodwill within or beyond the community.

Award Criteria & Selection

The nominee's contribution should also demonstrate alignment with the City's Vision 2050 Strategic Plan and its principles of Accessibility, Community Care and Compassion, Accountability and Transparency, Resilience, Trust Building and Collaboration, and Courage.

Nominees should meet at least three of the criteria listed on the previous page.

Nominees may include individuals, groups, organizations and businesses. Nominees do not necessarily need to reside in Owen Sound if their actions have had a clear and positive impact on the City's reputation, visibility or community well-being.

Ineligible Nominations

- Current members of Council for activities performed as part of their elected duties.
- Current City employees for activities performed as part of their paid employment.
- Contributions that are primarily political, partisan or campaign-related.
- Nominees whose actions are inconsistent with the intent of the award or could reasonably bring the City into disrepute.

Council may permit City employees or elected officials to be nominated for contributions that are clearly outside their official duties.

Selection

- The Selection Committee will evaluate nominations taking into consideration the guidelines laid out in the Criteria above.
- All nominations received are not necessarily approved.
- The Selection Committee will consider the nominee's overall contribution, including the significance and impact of their representation of Owen Sound.
- Members of the Selection Committee should consider whether they are in a conflict of interest situation when a nominee has a close personal or professional relationship with them.
- The Selection Committee's recommendation will be forwarded to City Council for final approval prior to the successful candidate being notified.
- Only the individual, group, organization or business selected will be notified.
- The Selection Committee will review the criteria on an annual basis.

There is no obligation to award an Ambassador of the Year Award should the Selection Committee deem there to be no nominees that sufficiently meet the criteria.

Nominee Information

Ensure the nominee's name is spelled correctly as it will be used on official materials.

Nominee Name

Nominee Type

Individual

Group or Team

Organization

Business

Nominee's Email Address

Nominee's Phone Number

Nominee's Address

Nominee's Connection to Owen Sound

Nominator Information

Information about who is submitting this nomination.

Nomination Submitted By (First and Last Name)

Organization Submitting Nomination (if applicable)

Nominator's Email Address

Nominator's Phone Number

Relationship to Nominee

Specific Area(s) of Contribution

Please outline the specific contribution(s) made by the nominee below. To add additional contributions, hit the 'More' button below.

Time Period of Contribution (specific years or dates)

Type of Contribution

- Tourism
- Sport and Recreation
- Business and Economic Development
- Community Leadership
- Public Service
- Arts, Culture and Heritage
- Events and Festivals
- Education
- Environmental Stewardship
- Inclusion, Accessibility or Reconciliation
- Innovation
- Other

If Other, please specify

Description of Contribution

Nomination Questions

Please be as specific and detailed as possible so the Selection Committee can understand the nominee's contribution and impact. Remember, the information you provide in this form is the only material reviewed by the Selection Committee. No additional research or external information will be considered. For this reason, detailed and thoughtful responses are essential.

What is exceptional about the nominee's contribution to Owen Sound?

How has the nominee positively represented or promoted Owen Sound?

What has been the impact of the nominee's contribution?

How has the nominee contributed to civic pride or goodwill?

Why should this person, group, organization or business receive the Owen Sound Ambassador of the Year Award?

Supporting Information & Confirmation

Award Criteria

Please select all criteria that apply. Nominees should meet at least three.

- ☐ Positive Representation of Owen Sound
- ☐ Enhanced Community Profile
- ☐ Contribution to Civic Pride
- ☐ Leadership or Achievement
- ☐ Community Impact
- ☐ Inclusion and Respect
- ☐ Sustained or Exceptional Contribution
- ☐ Role Modelling and Goodwill

Examples supporting the criteria selected

Alignment with City Values

Please describe how the nominee's actions demonstrate one or more of the City's principles: Accessibility; Community Care and Compassion; Accountability and Transparency; Resilience; Trust Building and Collaboration; Courage.

How does the nominee demonstrate the City's principles?

Other Contributions

Other significant contributions, achievements, organizations, events or initiatives

Supporting Information

You may include supporting information with your nomination. Examples include letters of support, newspaper or online articles, photographs, awards or other recognition, event or promotional materials, testimonials, links to relevant websites or online content, or other documentation demonstrating the nominee's contribution or impact.

Supporting materials attached:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please list any supporting materials included

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