

**Municipality Of Chatham-Kent**

**Chief Administrative Office**

**Corporate Initiatives**

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council  
**From:** Amy Wilcox, CPA, CMA, PMP  
**Date:** November 18, 2019  
**Subject:** 2019 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards Nominations

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that:

1. The names of volunteers be approved as submitted, and forwarded to the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration as nominees for the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards.

**Background**

Since 1986, the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration has been recognizing the contribution of volunteers through The Ontario Volunteer Service Awards using the following guidelines:

- Volunteers must give time on an ongoing and active basis to the same group for which no payment has been received
- Membership alone is not a qualification for recognition
- Services performed during the normal course of professional or business duties are not eligible for recognition
- Each department may nominate up to six volunteers (seven may be nominated if one of the nominees is a youth)
- Youth volunteers (24 years of age and younger) are recognized for two or more years of continuous service
- Adults are recognized for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30+, 40+, 50+ and 60+ years of continuous service

Deadline for submission of nominations is January 15, 2020.

Nominees are recognized at a special ceremony held in Chatham each year. They are presented with stylized trillium pins and personalized certificates which correspond to the length of service being recognized. Recipients are invited to attend the ceremony with one guest. Each organization making a nomination is also invited to have two representatives attend the ceremony.

**Comments**

All departments utilizing volunteers within the Municipality of Chatham-Kent have been requested to submit names for the consideration and approval of Council.

The following names were submitted:

<b>Department Making Nomination</b>	<b>Name of Volunteer</b>	<b>Age Category</b>	<b>Number of Years Of Volunteer Service</b>
Chatham-Kent Museum	Eileen Crouch	Adult	20 years
Chatham-Kent Museum	Edythe Marlatt	Adult	10 years
Chatham-Kent Museum	Francis Vink	Adult	20 years
Riverview Gardens Long Term Care Home	Joanne Bennett	Adult	10 years
Riverview Gardens Long Term Care Home	Joyce Clark	Adult	10 years
Riverview Gardens Long Term Care Home	Ethel St. Pierre	Adult	10 years
Riverview Gardens Long Term Care Home	Charlie Slade	Adult	10 years
Riverview Gardens Long Term Care Home	Sandy Skipper	Adult	20 years

Once approval has been granted, these names will be forwarded to the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration.

**Areas of Strategic Focus and Critical Success Factors**

The recommendation in this report supports the following areas of strategic focus:

Economic Prosperity:

Chatham-Kent is an innovative and thriving community with a diversified economy.

A Healthy and Safe Community:

Chatham-Kent is a healthy and safe community with sustainable population growth.

People and Culture:

Chatham-Kent is recognized as a culturally vibrant, dynamic, and creative community.

Environmental Sustainability:

Chatham-Kent is a community that is environmentally sustainable and promotes stewardship of our natural resources.

The recommendation in this report supports the following critical success factors:

Financial Sustainability:

The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is financially sustainable.

Open, Transparent and Effective Governance:

The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is open, transparent and effectively governed with efficient and bold, visionary leadership.

Has the potential to support all areas of strategic focus & critical success factors.

Neutral issues (does not support negatively or positively).

**Consultation**

All departments within the Municipality were invited to submit names for nomination.

**Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications as a result of the recommendation.

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