



## **City of Cambridge Advisory Committee 2023/2024 Annual Report**

Citizen Advisory Committees contribute to the development of policies, procedures and initiatives by providing their expertise to the Mayor and Council. Committees work with Council to improve services and programs for the community. Annual Reports and Workplans are an opportunity for committees to share the work that has been completed over the past year and the priorities for the next year.

### **Citizen Advisory Committee Name:**

Arthur White Sports Bursary Fund Advisory Committee

### **Citizen Members:**

Charles (Chuck) Langille, Lynda Kilpatrick, John Rothwell, Robert Benedetti, Michael Goldberg, Joshua Obaigbena

### **Number of Meetings in 2023/24:**

4 meetings annually – between January 1 and December 31.

### **Citizen Advisory Committee Establishment date:**

1973

### **Mandate of committee:**

The Arthur White Fund provides financial assistance to deserving athletes, teams, or athletic groups who are Cambridge residents or registered members of relevant athletic groups in Cambridge, representing Cambridge at the provincial, national, or international level of competition.

The Scott-Thompson Fund provides financial assistance to athletes with exceptional talent, who have the potential to be Canadian or International champions.

The Lions Can-Amara Fund aids City of Cambridge high school athletes who require financial assistance to play on high school sports teams.

Summary 2023/24 Workplan

## Summary of Activities

The Arthur White Sports Bursary Fund Advisory Committee summary of activities and applications for funding reviewed in the past year (October 2023 – October 2024) include:

October 13, 2023:

- Clarissa Agostini for the Canadian Wrestling Championship held in Tsuut'ina Nation, Alberta, June 9-12, 2022. \$500 was awarded from the Scott Thompson Fund.
- Graeme Crowder for the Field Lacrosse Canada National Championship held in Fredericton, New Brunswick, September 2-4, 2022. \$200 was awarded from the Arthur White Fund.
- Matthew Whitehead for the Canadian Junior Golf Championship held in North Bay, Ontario, August 13-17, 2023. \$300 was awarded from the Arthur White Fund.

December 11, 2023:

- The committee reviewed and revised the Operating Guidelines of the Arthur White Sports Bursary Fund, Scott-Thompson Bursary, and Lions Can-Amara Bursary Advisory Committee to reflect the current practice of how funds are distributed. Please see attached revised document.

April 17, 2024:

- Clarissa Agostini for the Canadian Wrestling Championships held in Calgary, Alberta, May 27-28, 2023. \$275 was awarded from the Scott Thompson Fund.

June 19, 2024:

- Cambridge high schools were notified of available funds for Spring 2024 from the Lions Can-Amara fund. Applications were received from Monsignor Doyle Catholic Secondary School, Preston High School, Southwood Secondary School, and St Benedict Catholic Secondary School. The funds were divided evenly among the schools, each received \$472.32. Report forms outlining how funds were distributed among their athletes were due back to the City of Cambridge in September 2024.

September 18, 2024:

- Liam Kuniecki for the Karate Canada National Championships held in Laval, Quebec, July 4-7, 2024. \$740 was awarded from the Arthur White Fund.
- Cambridge high schools were notified of available funds for the 2024/2025 school year. Applications were received from Monsignor Doyle Catholic Secondary School, Preston High School, and St Benedict Catholic Secondary School. Funds were divided evenly among the schools, each received \$627.00.

Report forms outlining how funds are distributed among their athletes are due in June 2025.

- The Arthur White Bursary Fund Advisory Committee gained 2 newly appointed committee members: Michael Goldberg and Joshua Obaigbena.

## Council / Community Engagement

### **Past year Committee Activities that engaged the community or provided advice to Council**

Over the past year, the committee reviewed athlete applications and provided funding to eligible and deserving athletes of financial assistance. The funds continued to be allocated to athletes based on the recommendations of the committee members.

### **Upcoming Year Workplan Objectives**

The committee continues to review all eligible athlete applications and distribute funds based on athlete qualifications, level of competition, and level of excellence. The committee continues to be fiscally responsible and support as many athlete applications as possible.

The committee would like to reach as many athletes as possible to provide support through these funds. In the upcoming year, the committee will continue to promote the bursary funds available to Cambridge athletes, teams, and athletic group and work on new promotional ideas, providing information to the Cambridge community on how to access and complete the Arthur White Sport Bursary Fund application.

### **Recommendations to Council related on the past year's work plan or future objectives of the Committee:**

Cambridge has many local athletes that continue to represent the City at a provincial, national, and international level. Recommendations for the future objectives of the committee are for the City of Cambridge to continue to provide support to these athletes. The athletes and their families are appreciative of the continued financial support the Arthur White Sports Bursary Fund Advisory Committee provides.