



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: Cambridge Cultural Awards Advisory Committee

Citizen Members: Trustees: Bill Ashwell, Tracey Babineau, David Campbell, Kellea Corriveau, Paige Corriveau, Fawzia Khan, Ashlyn Gladman, Sarah Loat, Evelina Turney. Alternate: Shelly Ackie.

Number of Meetings in 2023/24: 10

Citizen Advisory Committee Establishment date: 1981

Mandate of committee: To distribute awards in honour of former Alderman Bernice Adams, to provide assistance to deserving and qualified persons or groups in the fields of communications, arts and culture, and recognize special achievements on the part of individuals or groups in the arts and cultural fields in Cambridge through the planning of the annual Bernice Adams Awards event.

The Committee administers the distribution of the awards and expenses of the Bernice Adams Memorial Fund, hosts an annual Awards recognition event and is responsible to annually fundraise to increase the capital of the Memorial Fund as per the Cultural Policy passed by Council March/95.

Summary

2023/24 Workplan

The committee is currently working on the venue and catering options, entertainment lineup, and sponsorship and silent auction item approaches, in anticipation of the 42nd annual Legacy Awards night, to be held in May.

Summary of Activities:

Legacy Award:

- 2023: Seven recipients recognized
- 2024: Seven recipients recognized

Annual Legacy Award recognizes deserving and qualified persons, groups, or organizations in the categories of: Communications, Literary Arts, Music, Outstanding Youth (under 18), Performing Arts, Visual Arts, and the Special Trustees' Heart of the Arts Award.

When appropriate, the Heart of the Arts award is to an outstanding individual or group for their special or lasting contribution in Cambridge.

Award recognition is provided:

- to individuals who, for a minimum of three (3) years prior to the recognition event, have been: a resident of the City of Cambridge, or employed within Cambridge, or are an associate member or student of a relevant group or school in Cambridge.
- and/or to groups or organizations which provide services to Cambridge residents and have been established in Cambridge for a minimum of three (3) years prior to the recognition night.

Scholarship:

- 2023: Two students
- 2024: Four students

Scholarships are awarded to deserving and eligible students to assist in furthering their education in the fields of Arts and Culture. To be eligible for the scholarship, the student must apply and: have excelled in the Arts at their school, be in grade 12, or a grade 12 graduate, and show intent to continue onto Post Secondary Education in the Arts. Scholarships are \$200.00 each and are determined by the Cambridge Secondary schools themselves.

Bursary

- 2023: One recipient
- 2024: Two recipients

Purpose: provide assistance to deserving and qualified individuals, groups, or organizations, to assist in their further development in the fields of: Communications and Literary Arts, Music, Performing Arts, and Visual Arts.

Applicants must comply with at least one of the following residence criteria. For a minimum of three (3) years prior to their bursary application have been: 1) a resident of the City Cambridge, 2) or employed within Cambridge, 3) or are an associate member or student of a relevant group or school in Cambridge.

Bursary deadline is twice a year: March 1 and October 1.

Council / Community Engagement

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

2023: 40th Annual Bernice Adams Legacy Awards event was held at Tapestry Hall on May 11th.

2024: 41st Annual Bernice Adams Legacy Awards event was held at Four Fathers, on May 23rd.

Upcoming Year Workplan Objectives

The 42nd annual event is scheduled for May 22, 2025. The Committee is currently exploring affordable event venues within Cambridge that can accommodate around 200 attendees.

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

Rising costs are challenging the Committee to continue providing a quality Arts awards event. They are considering all options such as not offering a headliner and/or raising the ticket prices for the second year in a row.