

**To:** COUNCIL

**Meeting Date:** 09/14/21

**Subject:** 2021 Bill Struck Memorial Scholarship Fund

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**Report No.:** 21-201(CD)

**File No.:** C1101

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## Recommendation

THAT Report 21-183(CD) - 2021 Bill Struck Memorial Scholarship Fund - be received;  
AND THAT Council recognize this year's recipient as Maria Tataru.

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## Executive Summary

### Purpose

- To recognize an outstanding young person (aged 14-24) as a community leader in the City of Cambridge, as part of the annual Bill Struck Memorial Scholarship

### Key Findings

- The scholarship applicant demonstrated outstanding commitment to community building and youth leadership within the City of Cambridge.

### Financial Implications

- The interest accumulated on the Bill Struck Memorial Trust Fund available for distribution to the award recipient is \$104. The Cambridge Youth Advisory Committee has committed an additional \$146. The 2021 scholarship totals \$250.

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## Background

This is the eighteenth year the Bill Struck Memorial Scholarship has been awarded. This fund was developed in memory of former Councillor Bill Struck to honour his service to the community of Cambridge and his support of youth.

The award was not distributed in 2018 through 2020 in an effort to grow the capital in the Bill Struck Memorial Fund and allow for a greater investment income. The interest accumulated represents the funding available for the scholarship recipient.

The scholarship recognizes a youth who will be attending a post-secondary institution and has demonstrated leadership and community engagement.

This scholarship has been supported through donations from the City of Cambridge and fundraising initiatives by the Cambridge Youth Advisory of Committee of Council. The scholarship was created in response to the many youth that are unable to access post-secondary education due to financial restraints.

The scholarship distribution is an example of the City's recognition of the importance of youth leadership and service to the community.

The City of Cambridge is very appreciative of Bill Struck's dedication and commitment to youth concerns in Cambridge, and anticipates that the memory of Bill Struck will endure, in part due to the Memorial Scholarship Fund.

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## Analysis

### Strategic Alignment

PEOPLE To actively engage, inform and create opportunities for people to participate in community building – making Cambridge a better place to live, work, play and learn for all.

Goal #1 - Community Wellbeing

Objective 1.2 Support and facilitate community access to services related to health, wellness and personal development.

The Bill Struck Scholarship is awarded to a secondary school student who will be continuing their education at the post-secondary level. The individual receiving the scholarship will have shown commitment to community engagement and bettering Cambridge through their active involvement in the community.

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## Comments

The recipient of the 2021 Bill Struck Scholarship is Maria Tataru.

Maria has demonstrated leadership while attending Preston Secondary School. Within her school community Maria has achieved academic success which will support her continued education at the post-secondary level.

She has demonstrated commitment to community through various volunteer and work activities including tutoring, babysitting, volunteering with seniors and working part-time for a non-profit organization. Maria has displayed leadership skills and an ability to innovate even through challenges. Maria has an appreciation for the skills and knowledge she has gained while making a positive difference in the world.

Maria immigrated from Romania, arriving in Canada on October 1, 2008. She described watching her mother struggle to establish a better life for Maria's family. Maria expressed her desire to show her appreciation to her mother and has promised herself to work hard in school, in hopes of securing a successful career in the future.

It is an honour to have Maria recognized as the 2021 Bill Struck Scholarship recipient.

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## Existing Policy/By-Law

By-law No. 199 – 95, Trust Funds, Section – 900 – outlines the establishment, maintenance and administration of City of Cambridge trust funds, including the Bill Struck Memorial Trust Fund

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## Financial Impact

\$104 is being awarded from the Bill Struck Memorial Trust fund account. The Youth Advisory Committee of Council has approved the contribution of \$146 from the Advisory Committee fundraising account to further support the scholarship funds. The scholarship totals \$250.

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## Public Input

Posted publicly as part of the review process.

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## Internal/External Consultation

The Bill Struck Selection Committee (Comprised of a sub-committee of the Youth Advisory Committee of Council) serves to determine the recipient according to the terms of reference of the fund.

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## Conclusion

The City of Cambridge congratulates Maria Tataru as the 2021 Bill Struck Scholarship recipient and recognizes the efforts of many of our youth actively involved in community building throughout the Cambridge.

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## Signature

### Division Approval



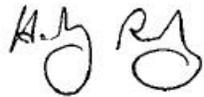
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### Departmental Approval



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### City Manager Approval



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## Attachments

- N/A