



## Corporation of the Township of Brock

### Staff Report to the Mayor and Members of Council

**From:** Alicia Bagshaw

**Position:** Recreation and Leisure Coordinator

**Title / Subject:** Brock Sports Hall of Fame

**Date of Report:** December 1, 2022

**Date of Meeting:** December 12, 2022

**Report No:** 2022-PRF-019

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#### 1.0 Issue / Origin

The Township of Brock has not hosted the Breakfast of Champions since 2019 due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Township would like to re-instate the Breakfast of Champions and Hall of Fame ceremony in 2023.

#### 2.0 Background

The Breakfast of Champions and Hall of Fame has been an annual event since its inception in 2015.

The celebration would include awards to participating sports organizations, as well as the Hall of Fame induction, along with a catered breakfast. Each sport organization could put forward a Coach, Volunteer and Athlete to be recognized during the Breakfast of Champions. Each organization was invited to make a small speech for each of their recipients, and they were presented with a small trophy.

The Hall of Fame inductees were selected through a nomination process. The nomination period ran from January – March each year, and residents could be nominated in category of Coach, Volunteer and/or Athlete. Once the nominations closed, the Brock Sports Council would meet to discuss the nomination and select the inductees for that year. The inductees received a wooden plaque they got to keep, and their name was listed on the Hall of Fame Trophy that stays in the possession of the Township.

#### 3.0 Analysis

The Breakfast of Champions was a very successful event and hosted many local athletes, anywhere from 150-200 attendees each year.

The local sport organizations voiced on several occasions how difficult it was for them to recognize 3 individuals from their organization, when they host their own awards banquets. Often it was the same individuals being recognized in different categories. Staff feel that these awards are no longer required, as the individuals will be celebrated during their own sports banquets.

Each year 3 individuals were inducted into the Brock Sports Hall of Fame. The last two years were cancelled due to COVID-19, and these 3 years worth of inductees should be celebrated in addition to the 2023 nominees. Staff recommend that 12 individuals should be inducted into the hall of fame to make up for the last 3 years as well as 2023.

Staff would recommend continuing with the Breakfast of Champions and solely focus on the Sports Hall of Fame current and past inductees.

#### **4.0 Related Policies / Procedures**

The Township of Brock seeks nominations for individuals who have made a significant positive impact in the world of sports. The Guidelines for Nominations are as follows:

- a. The inductee being nominated must have been a Brock resident at the time of performance or be considered a resident of Brock while performing outside of the Township.
- b. The inductee may be considered from surrounding areas if it can be proven that they performed in Brock or viewed by the Province or Nation as having performed in Brock or bringing honour to Brock.

**Nominations for Athletes:** Inductees must be retired from the sport in which they are being recognized at the time of nomination. Inductees may still be actively involved in the sport through coaching, volunteering etc. but are no longer competing as an athlete.

**Nominations for Athletes (Automatic Selection):** Any Brock Athlete who has won any Olympic medal or any medal in a Canadian or International Championship in a non-team discipline for their sport.

**Nominations for Coaches/Volunteers:** Inductees in this category must have provided a significant contribution to the sports community for an extended period of time. Inductees in this category can be nominated while still actively participating in their role as some members may be lifelong contributors.

#### **5.0 Financial / Budget Assessment**

There is budget allocated for this event within the Recreation Budget.

#### **6.0 Climate Change Impacts**

N/A

#### **7.0 Communications**

N/A

#### **8.0 Conclusion**

The Township of Brock should continue to recognize and celebrate the local sports champions by continuing with the Annual Brock Sports Hall of Fame.

Staff would like to work with Council to determine an appropriate location for the Sports Hall of Fame and anticipate this being included in the Recreation Master Plan.

#### **9.0 Recommendation**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report 2022-PRF-019 be received; and

THAT Council approve the induction of 9 residents into the Brock Sports Hall of Fame in 2023 to offset the last 2 years of missed events; and

THAT Council approve removing the local sport awards from the Breakfast of Champions.

THAT Council designate 2-3 Council members annually to assist in the selection process for the Sports Hall of Fame inductees.