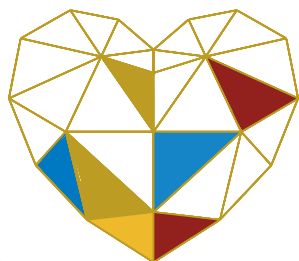




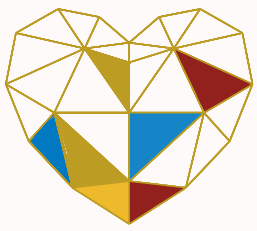
Heart of Gold

The Heart of Gold Recognition Program is an opportunity to celebrate individuals and groups who deserve special recognition for their outstanding accomplishments and contributions to our community.



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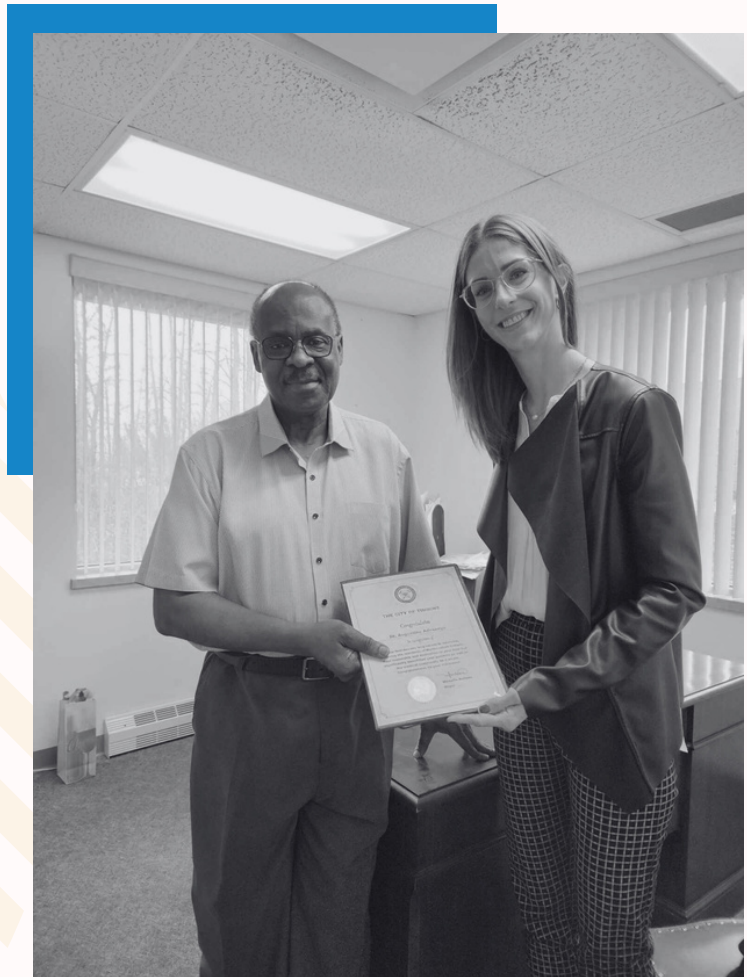


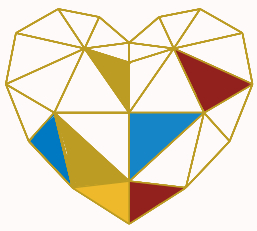


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Policy Statement

The Heart of Gold Civic Recognition Program recognizes outstanding achievements, voluntary contributions, and significant milestones of residents and organizations.

Purpose

This policy provides a method for the Mayor and Members of Council, on behalf of the residents of Timmins, to recognize the efforts of local volunteers and non-profit groups working to improve the community, as well as the significant achievements and milestones of individuals and organizations.

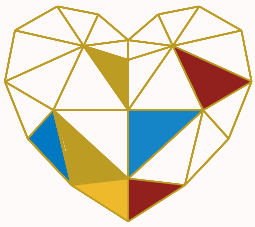
Scope

All residents of Timmins and organizations operating in Timmins are eligible for recognition under this policy.

Individuals receiving recognition must reside in the City of Timmins at the time of the volunteer service or achievement. An exception can be made for a student who is from Timmins, but attends a postsecondary institution outside the city. Their achievements while pursuing their studies may be recognized.

Community groups receiving recognition must serve Timmins residents. The majority of group members must be Timmins residents; however, non-resident group members will also be recognized.





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Who Can Be Recognized

The Heart of Gold Civic Recognition Program recognizes volunteer community service, achievements in sports, youth community and civic engagement, and STEAM.

Volunteer and Community Service

Volunteer and community service includes efforts toward improving the community, such as advancing health and social services, improving accessibility and developing recreational activities, culture or the arts within the community. Only volunteer community service that directly benefits residents of Timmins is eligible for recognition.

Youth Community and Civic Engagement

Nominees for this award are youth, 24 years old or younger, who have contributed more than 100 voluntary hours to community and civic activities. Only individuals or youth groups whose contributions directly benefit Timmins are eligible.

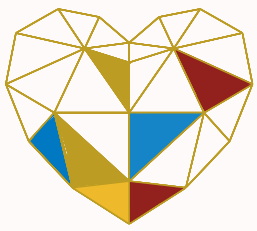
Achievement in STEAM

Recognition is given to individuals who have achieved acclaim through competitions, juried shows, art exhibitions or commissioned works. Achievements in areas other than sports including science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics. An accredited body in the field of endeavour may be consulted to confirm eligibility.

For the purpose of these awards, “the arts” includes:

- Performing arts, e.g. dance, drama, music
- Visual arts, e.g. painting, sculpting, photography
- Media arts, e.g. film, television, literature, and
- Creative arts, e.g. crafts





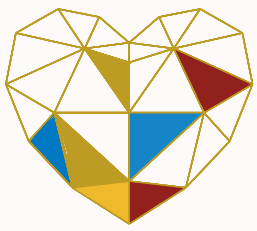
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Achievement in Sports

For the purpose of these awards, “sports” is defined as those activities requiring physical conditioning and/or refinement of motor skills so that competitive excellence may be achieved. Championships recognized for eligibility are those accepted by the sport's governing body to be the highest competition available to that sport, at either a local, regional, provincial, national or international level. Certificates in recognition of achievement in sports will be issued for the highest level achieved by the particular athlete or team, at the end of the sport's season. For example, a team that wins a City-wide championship as well as a regional championship will be eligible for a certificate in recognition of the regional championship only.





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How the Program is Administered

Heart of Gold Civic Recognition Award

The Heart of Gold Civic Recognition award is a certificate that bears an embossed seal of the Corporation and is signed by the Mayor. The certificate includes the recipient's name and a description of the achievement.

Nomination

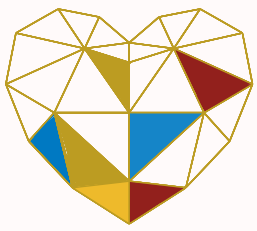
Recipients of the Heart of Gold Civic Recognition Program may be nominated by a member of the public, the Mayor, a Member of Council or a member of City of Timmins staff. Nominations are to be forwarded to the Review Committee. The committee will verify requirements for eligibility. Nominees who have previously been nominated will once again be eligible after a period of 5 years.

A list of potential recipients is reviewed by the committee before confirming final recipients and/or publishing names. Nominators and recipients of awards are notified by the Executive Assistant to the Mayor.

The following information is requested:

- The number of years or hours the nominee(s) has been involved in the activity
- Specific dates the nominee(s) worked on project(s) or held title(s), if applicable
- Complete details of the group or individual's accomplishments, including specific examples, if applicable, and
- For groups, a complete list of the executive membership (names and addresses) must accompany the nomination form





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Nomination Cont'd

The nomination form will be available on the City of Timmins website under Mayor and Council, and once submitted will be automatically sent to the committee.

The nomination period is from the 1st of every month to the 16th of every month, to be considered for the following month. Nominations received after the 16th day will be considered for the next nomination period.

The information on the nomination form assists staff in determining the appropriate type of recognition and in preparing the award. Incomplete nomination forms will be returned to the applicant and considered upon re-submission.

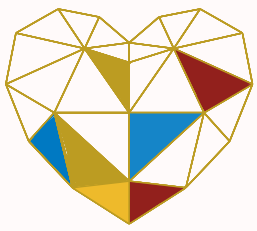
If an organization has been nominated for a group award and a member of that group is to be recognized individually with a personalized award certificate, a separate nomination form must be submitted. The individual must also meet the criteria outlined in this policy. Citizen members of committees may also be honored posthumously.

Committee Composition

The committee shall be comprised of the following:

- Representative(s) of Corporate Administration
- Representative of Service Timmins
- Representative of the Clerk's Department
- Representative of the TEDC





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Administration of Program

The Review committee administers this program and is responsible for:

- Receiving all nomination forms
- Reviewing all nomination forms, in consultation with other departments, where necessary
- Notifying recipients of their awards
- Preparing the certificates or awards
- Coordinating all arrangements for the presentation of certificates
- Working with other business units to promote the program, including creating digital content and distributing the nomination form

Presentation

The Heart of Gold Civic Recognition Program is presented at the first council meeting of the month. The Executive Assistant to the Mayor will coordinate the recipient's attendance at the meeting.

