



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Heritage Markham Committee

**FROM:** Regan Hutcheson, Manager-Heritage Planning

**DATE:** March 10, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Awards  
Ontario Volunteer Service Awards  
Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries

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We are in receipt of the program criteria for the above award from the Volunteer Recognition Unit, Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries

The Ontario Volunteer Service Awards

Years of service that can be recognized: 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 45, 50, 55 and 65+

Must be continuous service

Award: stylized trillium pin and certificate

Ceremony: regional ceremonies held across the province

To be eligible, Heritage Markham members would have to have served a minimum of 5 consecutive years which can be difficult given the terms of appointment allowed by the City.

Current citizen committee members have the following years of continuous service:

David Nesbitt – 9 years

Anthony Farr – 7 years

Graham Dewar – 7 years

Evelin Ellison – 5.5 years

Ken Davis – 5 years

These nominations do not need to be endorsed by Markham Council.

## **Suggested Recommendation for Heritage Markham**

THAT Heritage Markham receive the information on the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards and that the following Heritage Markham citizen members be nominated for the 5 years of continuous service award:

David Nesbitt – 9 years  
Anthony Farr – 7 years  
Graham Dewar – 7 years  
Evelin Ellison – 5.5 years  
Ken Davis – 5 years

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## Years of Service

Name	Date of Service	Years Serviced to Date
David Nesbitt	Sept 2011 to Nov 2015 Nov 2015 to Nov 2018 Nov 2018 to Nov 2020 + Dec 2020 – April 2020 (5 months)	4 3 2 Total 9 years
Evelin Ellison	2004 to 2006 July 2015 to Nov 2018 Nov 2018 to Nov 2020 + Dec 2020 – April 2020 (5 months)	2 3.5 2 Total 7.5 (5.5 concurrently)
Graham Dewar	Feb 2014 to Nov 2016 Nov 2016 to Nov 2020 + Dec 2020 – April 2020 (5 months)	3 4 Total 7 years
Tony Farr	Feb 2014 to Nov 2016 Nov 2016 to Nov 2020 + Dec 2020 – April 2020 (5 months)	3 4 Total 7
Ken Davis	Mar 2016 to Nov 2019 Nov 2019 to Nov 2023 + Dec 2020 – April 2020 (5 months)	4 1 Total 5
Members Not Applicable		
Doug Denby	July 2019 to Nov 2021	1.5
Shan Goel	July 2019 to Nov 2022	1.5
Paul Tiefenbach	July 2019 to Nov 2022	1.5
Lake Trevelyan	Aug 2020 to Nov 2023	0.5

## **Background Information**

# **Ontario Volunteer Service Awards**

This award recognizes volunteers for providing committed and dedicated service to an organization.

**Deadline: Extended to April 1, 2021**

### **1. [Get the Volunteer Service form \(PDF\)](#)**

**Note:** You must have Adobe Reader to open this form. Right click on the link above and save the form. Open Adobe Reader, then use Adobe Reader to open the form. You will be able to edit, save and submit this form.

### **2. [Submit your nomination online](#)**

Adults are recognized by the length of time they've volunteered with one organization, ranging from five to 65 years of continuous service. Youth (24 years old and under) are recognized for two or more years of continuous service.

## **Who is eligible**

An organization can nominate up to nine volunteers, with a maximum of six adults.

Your nominee must be:

- a resident and volunteer in Ontario
- an active member in an organization that has existed for at least five years

You cannot nominate someone:

- who has passed away
- who has been paid for their volunteer work
- who volunteered the services as part of their regular work or professional responsibilities

## **Nomination deadline**

The deadline has been extended to April 1, 2021.

If the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, you can submit your nomination before 5 p.m. the next business day. If your nomination is received after the deadline, it will be considered for next year's award.

## **Selection process**

The Ministry reviews all nominees and sends a letter to the organization to confirm their nomination has been accepted.

## **Award presentation**

The awards are presented at ceremonies across Ontario from March to June. The recipients are given a stylized trillium service pin and a personalized certificate to acknowledge their years of service.

Each recipient can bring one guest and their organization can invite two representatives.



## **June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for Voluntarism**

This award recognizes people and groups who have made outstanding contributions as volunteers in their communities.

**Deadline: Extended to April 1, 2021**

1. [Get the June Callwood form \(PDF\)](#)

**Note:** You must have Adobe Reader to open this form. Right click on the link above and save the form. Open Adobe Reader, then use Adobe Reader to open the form. You will be able to edit, save and submit this form.

2. [Tips for writing and submitting a nomination](#)
3. [Submit your nomination online](#)

There are two categories – the Outstanding Volunteer Award and the Excellence in Volunteer Management Award.

### **Outstanding Volunteer Award**

This is presented to an individual or group for their longstanding commitment to volunteering and serving their communities. Up to 20 individuals or groups are honoured each year.

## **Excellence in Volunteer Management Award**

This is presented to an individual or group from a not-for-profit organization or registered charity for supporting and encouraging people to volunteer in their communities. Up to five individuals or groups are honoured each year.

### **Who is eligible**

Your nominee must be:

- an individual or group (such as a not-for-profit, institution or school)
- a resident of Ontario

You cannot nominate:

- yourself
- someone who has passed away
- an elected politician currently in office

### **Nominate someone**

You need to submit a detailed form with your nominee's information that includes:

- a description about why your nominee should receive the award (no more than 8,000 characters)
- two or more signed testimonials from two different people (not including the nominator) who know and support your nominee's achievements

### **Nomination deadline**

The deadline has been extended to April 1, 2021.

If the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, you can submit your nomination before 5 p.m. the next business day. If your nomination is received after the deadline, it will be considered for next year's award.

### **Selection process**

An independent selection committee reviews each nomination and recommends who should receive the award.

### **Award presentation**

The awards are presented at a recognition ceremony during National Volunteer Week, which usually takes place in April.

## **Previous recipients**

Read about the [previous recipients](#) of this award.

## **About June Callwood**

June Callwood was a Canadian journalist, author and social activist. She committed her life to action on social justice issues, particularly those related to woman and children. She founded, or co-founded, more than 50 Canadian social action organizations.