

### **1.0 Policy Statement**

- 1.1 Our County is enriched by the many people who, through their exceptional personal or public efforts, have contributed to the region's quality of life in tangible or intangible ways. The purpose of this policy is to provide a guideline for recognitions that acknowledge and recognize individuals or groups that:
- achieve a significant milestone;
  - make an outstanding contribution to the community.

### **2.0 Policy Objectives**

- 2.1 The County of Annapolis will recognize individual birthdays for County residents at age 90 and in five-year increments thereafter. Starting at age 100, the County will provide annual recognition.
- 2.2 The County will recognize wedding anniversaries of residents for 50 years and every 5 years thereafter.
- 2.3 The County of Annapolis shall present certificates of recognition to members of registered volunteer fire departments or registered volunteer emergency service providers or fire department auxiliaries who have served in one or more of the departments or auxiliaries for 10 years and in five-year increments thereafter.
- 2.4 The County shall recognize members of Annapolis County's registered fire departments achieving 30 or more years of service in accordance with the Canadian Volunteer Firefighter Association (CVFSA) Long Service Award Program.
- 2.5 The County may be requested to provide acknowledgement of an outstanding contribution by an individual or group or simply to mark a special occasion. This may include:
- volunteers or community organizations that, in the opinion of Municipal Council, should be recognized for service of longstanding or significant contributions to the community;
  - athletes, school / community clubs or teams for provincial, national or international achievements;
  - donors providing gifts or land or other items;
  - residents who have performed acts of heroism or philanthropy;
  - residents serving on councils, boards or advisory committees of the County of Annapolis.
- In these cases, the Municipal Council shall have discretion whether an acknowledgement by the County is provided.

### **3.0 Policy Procedures**

- 3.1 Recognitions shall be presented by a member of Municipal Council at a special function or at a regular meeting of Municipal Council.
- 3.2 A standard form, *Request for Recognition*, shall be completed and submitted for all requests.
- 3.3 Applications must be submitted a minimum of 8 weeks prior to the anticipated presentation date.

Subject

Recognitions

**4.4 Repeal**

*Policy AM- 1.2.6 Certificates of Recognition Policy*, adopted on March 21, 2017, is hereby repealed.

Municipal Clerk's Annotation for Official Policy Book

I certify that this policy was adopted by Municipal Council as indicated below:

*Seven (7) Day Notice* ..... **December 9, 2025**

*Council Approval* ..... **December 16, 2025**

*Dawn M. Campbell*

Municipal Clerk

**December 17, 2025**

Date

At **Annapolis Royal** Nova Scotia