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Communication
Accessibility Advisory Committee -
September 18, 2023
Item # 3

Accessibility Champions Awards



Summary of AAC Feedback

Key points from June 2023 AAC meeting:

- 1. Youth Engagement:** Exploring age categories & fostering innovation in accessibility & inclusion, particularly in technology
- 2. Participation & Selection:** Addressing challenges in awareness, ensuring a thorough selection process, & enhancing member support
- 3. Awards Framing:** Emphasizing awards are not just 'for' but also 'by' Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) through inclusive language & imagery

Refining the Accessibility Champion Awards

- **Local Focus:** Celebrate Vaughan businesses & individuals
- **Youth Category Challenges:** Multiple sub-categories; limited submissions
- **Proposal:** Streamline into a single, unified youth category for increased participation

Eligibility

Youth Leadership

- Resident in City of Vaughan

Individuals/Groups

- Resident/based in City of Vaughan
- Non-profit or community groups
- Posthumous nominations possible (deceased within last 2 years)

Businesses (all sizes)

- Based in City of Vaughan
Exception: Providing services to York Region (for organizations, associations, groups or businesses)

Discussion