



Staff Report

Report Title: 2022 EDCO Awards

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Department: BED

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File Number:

Attachments: Community Economic Development 101 Training

Recommendation:

THAT The Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby receives for information report number BED-2022-12-56, prepared by Michelle Goetz, Manager of Strategic Initiatives.

Background:

EDCO is the Economic Developer's Council of Ontario, they host an annual conference and awards ceremony in February. This year, the conference and awards ceremony is being held from February 7th- 9th, 2023 in Toronto. They provide awards to companies, organizations and municipalities for the following:

- Investment Attraction
- Community Economic Development
- Building Initiatives
- Planning and Strategic Development
- Tourist Attraction & Tourism Product Development
- Workforce Development and Resident Attraction
- Innovation in Community Resiliency
- Inclusive Community Based Initiatives & Programming
- Rural Excellence
- Influencer of the Year
- Joseph A. Montgomery Economic Development Achievement Award

Discussion:

We received an email on December 8th, 2022 congratulating our team for being chosen as a finalist for the Rural Excellence Award.

The Rural Excellence Award aims to recognize a rural community (with a population under 10,000) that is doing extraordinary work in economic development with outstanding results.

The award ceremony is being held on February 9th, 2022 at the President's Dinner and Awards Ceremony as part of the EDCO conference held at the Marriott Downtown at CF Eaton Centre.

Tickets for the dinner are available to purchase on EDCO's conference website: <http://www.edcoconference.com/registration/fees/> , the cost to attend the awards ceremony and President's Dinner is \$199.

Amy Irwin, Business & Economic Officer and I, will be attending as tickets to the dinner are included in our conference registration.

I would like to congratulate the Economic Development Team on an incredibly successful year, the award nomination is very well deserved!

EDCO is also offering Community Economic Development 101 training on Thursday February 9th from 1PM-4PM at the Ontario Investment and Trade Centre in Toronto, the training poster is attached.

Financial Impacts:

N/A

Strategic Alignment / Link:

The information provided in this report is consistent with and in keeping with the Municipality's Vision & Mission. The recommendations contribute to the goals in achieving a prosperous, spirited, vibrant and accessible community.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Michelle Goetz, Manager of Strategic Initiatives

Report Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer