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Date September 18, 2023 **Report No.** 2023-501

To Chair and Members
Wall of Recognition Task Force

From Joelle Daniels
Corporate Services Commissioner

1.0 Type of Report

Consent Item ☐
Item For Consideration ☒

2.0 Topic **Appendix A - Wall of Recognition Inductees - 2023-501.docx**

3.0 Recommendation

- A. THAT Report 2023-501 titled Historical Inductees BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT the following nominees BE INDUCTED into the Wall of Recognition as a Historical Candidates:
 - i. 2023: Walter J. Bragg
 - ii. 2024: John Wedgewood Bowlby
 - iii. 2025: Charles H. Hartman
 - iv. 2026: John H. Matthews; and
- C. THAT John Utley BE INDUCTED into the Wall of Recognition as a Modern-day Candidate for the year of 2022.

4.0 Background

The purpose of the [Wall of Recognition \(Corporate-019\) Policy](#) is to give recognition to former members of City Council who have demonstrated

exemplary service and dedication to municipal issues at either the Ward, City, Provincial or Federal level during the course of his/her career on City Council.

In accordance with the Policy, in the first year of a new term of Council, the Wall of Recognition Task Force shall review the list of eligible candidates and recommend up to one nominee in each of the following categories for induction into the Wall of Recognition for each year (2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026) of the existing term of City Council:

1. Modern-day Candidate (members who served on Brantford City Council for more than 10 years within the past 40 years); and
2. Historical Candidate (members who served on Brantford City Council for a total of ten or more years and more than 40 years ago) on the recommendation of the Brantford Heritage Committee.

5.0 Analysis

5.1 Historical Candidate

The Wall of Recognition Policy requires that eligible Historical Inductees were members who served on Brantford City Council a total of ten or more years and more than 40 years ago.

At the August 28, 2023 Heritage Advisory Committee meeting, the Committee reviewed a list of potential Historical Inductees. There were 17 names available on the list and the below four candidates were recommended by the Committee based on length of service and the types of contributions they made to the City both as citizens and as part of Council:

- i. 2023: Walter J. Bragg
- ii. 2024: John Wedgewood Bowlby
- iii. 2025: Charles H. Hartman
- iv. 2026: John H. Matthews

5.2 Modern Day Candidate

The Wall of Recognition Policy requires that eligible Modern Candidates are members who served on Brantford City Council a total of ten or more years; are currently not a sitting member of City Council; and, served within the past 40 years.

At the May 14, 2019 Wall of Recognition Task Force meeting the Task Force reviewed the list of potential Modern-day Candidates, in the order based on

most years served on Brantford City Council. At that time, only three eligible Modern-day Candidates were eligible to be considered, and therefore no inductee could be recommended for the year 2022.

Staff have reviewed the list potential Modern-day Candidates eligible at this time and found only one name on the list, John Utley. Inductees for 2023-2026 will be considered as they become eligible.

6.0 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

7.0 Climate and Environmental Implications

There are no climate or environmental implications associated with this report.

8.0 Conclusion

The Heritage Committee met on August 28, 2023 to review a list of historical inductees to the Wall of Recognition. At the meeting, the Committee chose four nominees outlined in this report. Once approved by the Wall of Recognition, the recommendations will be considered by Committee of the Whole – Planning and Administration and ratified by City Council during the October meeting cycle. The recognition ceremony will be held at the November City Council meeting

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In adopting this report, is a by-law or agreement required? If so, it should be referenced in the recommendation section.

By-law required ☐ yes ☒ no

Agreement(s) or other documents to be signed by Mayor and/or City Clerk ☐ yes ☒ no

Is the necessary by-law or agreement being sent concurrently to Council? ☐ yes ☒ no