

## About the Award

The Community Builder Award is an annual recognition of one or more individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the Municipality of Meaford community through their volunteerism. The Municipality welcomes nominations of people whose positive community impact is traditional or non-traditional, and made individually or as part of a formally or informally established group.

A Community Builder Award recipient is someone who has shown ongoing dedication to volunteer work that has positively shaped the community. The award recipient(s) are recognized at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Event

## Nomination Process

To nominate an individual for a Community Builder Award, the nominator must submit the Nomination Form, in person or by email, before the deadline: **Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.**

- In person to: 21 Trowbridge St. W., Attn: Community Engagement Coordinator (Nisa Cornforth)
- By email to: [ncornforth@meaford.ca](mailto:ncornforth@meaford.ca)

To be eligible for the Community Builder Award, the nominee must have made a positive impact on the Municipality of Meaford community through their volunteerism.

Municipality of Meaford staff and sitting Council members are not eligible for the Award (unless it can be demonstrated that their volunteer efforts are distinct from their paid role). No recipient will receive the Award more than once in a five-year period; a list of past winners is available at [www.meaford.ca/communitybuilder](http://www.meaford.ca/communitybuilder).

## Award Recipient Selection

Council of the Municipality of Meaford, at its sole discretion, may choose not to select an award recipient in any given year for any reason. Council may also present the award to an individual or individual of its choice. Council will review the nominations in a closed session of Council on Monday, April 13, 2026.

The successful nominee and their nominator will be advised of Council's decision and asked to attend the award presentation at the Volunteer Appreciation Event, with the date to be confirmed.

## Definitions

“Community Group” means a civil society non-profit organization that operates with the Municipality, for the purpose of bettering the community.

“Special Interest Group” means a person or group of persons operating on behalf of or advocating for a particular cause, industry, or segment of society.

“Volunteer” means a person who contributes time and service toward a goal or goals without compensation in the belief that it will have a positive effect on the community.

They may work individually or as part of a larger group to achieve these aims and are generally understood to seek to enrich the quality of life for the residents of the Municipality.

Nominate an outstanding volunteer who lives in and serves the Municipality of Meaford before the deadline of **Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.** A Community Builder Award recipient is someone who has shown ongoing dedication to volunteer work that has positively shaped the community over time. Refer to the Nomination Information Sheet for more details and eligibility requirements. To nominate an individual, the nominator must submit the completed Nomination Form in person or by email before the deadline.

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## Nominator Information

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Nominee Information

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## About the Nominee

Check the box for the statement that best describes the volunteer:

The nominee is an active volunteer now

The nominee not an active volunteer now but has been in the past 5 (five) years

Approximately how many years has the nominee been volunteering in the Municipality of Meaford?

What has been the nominee's impact on the community? Please list and provide a brief description of the ways the nominee has made a positive impact on the Municipality of Meaford.

Why do you think the nominee deserved to be recognized with a Community Builder Award? Use point form.

Use this space to share anything else that Council should know about the nominee. If desired, you may attach additional supporting documents (e.g., newspaper articles, photographs) to support this nomination.