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Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee:

I have been honoured to second the nomination for the past two Phil Green Recognition Award recipients, Ray Marentette and Janice Lowe. I seconded a nomination during the current selection process. I am very familiar with the rules and regulations, and the time and effort involved with this process.

I was disappointed, dismayed and actually disgusted with the discussion and conduct regarding the Phil Green Recognition Award at the January 11th, 2022 meeting of the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee (MCAC).

Clearly the Communications and Promotions Subcommittee [REDACTED] [REDACTED] were unaware of the rules and process. The Nomination form states that “the recipient will be selected by the majority vote of the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee” but this was not the case as the rest of the Committee were unaware of the nominations and had not been provided nor reviewed the materials and supporting documentation. The Subcommittee erroneously believed that it was within their purview to select the recipient and expect the Committee to blindly support their choice.

But more outrageous and objectionable were the indiscreet and intemperate comments that questions whether the deliberations of the Subcommittee followed the

rules with absence of bias or favour. Some comments breached the confidentiality of nominations by identifying the qualifications of a specific group and nominees. It was said that former MCAC Citizen Members should be rejected as they have a “leg up” and that the privilege to serve “gives advantages and is an award of itself”, contrary to the eligibility criteria. Leading the discussion (not on the Agenda) to change the eligibility criteria by either extending from 2 to 4 years or banning Citizen Members from ever being eligible suggests that this Subcommittee had unilaterally changed the eligibility criteria *post facto*, at least for their deliberation. These disgraceful and disparaging remarks are without merit but are also insulting and disrespectful to so many, primarily in this case to the individuals that enthusiastically nominated a member of the cycling community, followed the rules and were not given the proper and just consideration.

Finally we were told that there were “other factors” that influenced the Committee’s decision, but further information was not provided. As this Subcommittee had a complete disregard for the rules and has admitted inventing other criteria, the entire validity of the award is now in question. If this was in a court of law, a mistrial would be declared. The Chair and the Legislative Coordinator of MCAC cannot escape blame either. They should have ensured that a vote was not taken until confident that proper procedures had been followed. I have attached below the information from the Nomination Form.

The Phil Green Recognition Award is cause for celebration within the cycling community in Mississauga. But due to the incompetency and flagrant disregard by the Subcommittee, this year it will be remembered for controversy. At the very least, the Subcommittee should offer an abject apology for its misdeeds to the entire cycling community, Phil Green, all nominees and those that provided supporting documentation and letters of support.

Jonathan Giggs

Presented annually by the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee (MCAC) to honour the work of the founding spirit behind the committee.

The Phil Green Recognition Award is presented annually by the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee, or a representative thereof, to a person or persons who have demonstrated exemplary effort to the cause of promoting or furthering cycling or other forms of sustainable transportation in the City of Mississauga over the preceding year. **Completed nominations can be mailed to cycling@mississauga.ca or sent via email using the SUBMIT button below. The SUBMIT button will open an email with the completed form attached. Supporting documentation should be added at that time.**

Eligibility

Mississauga resident(s) of any age are eligible for the Phil Green Recognition Award provided that:

1. They or any member of their immediate family are not a current member of, or have not been a member of MCAC for a minimum of two years;
2. They or any member of their immediate family are not employed with the City of Mississauga or the Region of Peel in any capacity related to cycling or sustainable transportation.

Nomination Process

Nominations may be made through a written recommendation outlining the reasons why the nominee is worthy of the Phil Green Recognition Award and submitted to the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee.

Selection Process

Nominations may be made through a written recommendation outlining the reasons why the nominee is worthy of the Phil Green Recognition Award and submitted to the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee.

Nominations can be submitted to the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee any time during the year; however a nomination deadline may be set annually for that year's selection process. The recipient will be selected by the majority vote of the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee during the first three months of the year, for the preceding year, and the award will be presented by Mississauga City Council, or a representative thereof, as soon as practical after the selection has been made.

Note: the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee reviews all nominations, but reserves the right not to issue an annual award if a suitable candidate cannot be found.

Nomination should include:

A description of the contribution of the nominee; i.e. details such as project(s) undertaken, length of time involved and community impact.

Attach at least two letters from individuals or organizations in support of this nomination.

You may also want to include any additional supporting documentation such as newspaper clippings or website links if available.
