



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Administration, Finance and Human Resources Committee
From: Nicole Cardow, Deputy Clerk
Date: October 18, 2022
Subject: Luella Logan Award 2022 – Women in Politics

Background:

The County of Wellington is proud to support the Luella Logan Award- Women in Politics in its third year. The Luella Logan Scholarship and Award are made up of two components, one being a \$1500 Scholarship presented to a female student pursuing post secondary education in a government related field; the second component, is a \$1500 donation made to honour a past woman councillor- Wellington County and local tiers, to the charity of their choice.

2022 Recipient:

Wellington County staff have developed a roster of past female Councillors, and have chosen Ms. Betty Lou Clark as the recipient of the award for 2022.

Below is a synopsis of the biography provided by Ms. Clark:

Ms. Clark and her husband John moved to Eramosa Township from the Burlington area with their young family. After joining the Anglican Church, she and others began to organize fall fairs in the village park. With a preschooler at home, Ms. Clark placed an advertisement in the local Acton newspaper requesting interest from others with preschool aged children to get together. This was the beginning of the first co-op preschool held at the village hall, with Ms. Clark and others preparing and running activities for the children.

In the early 70's, a local MPP who was chair of the Ontario Water Resources Commission, was promoting a tertiary water treatment system to eliminate the use of septic systems in use at the time. With concern for the waste water being discharged to the Eramosa River, Ms. Clark helped form the Rockwood Antipollution Committee and, after eight years of effort from the committee, an agreement was made to have waste from Rockwood piped to the City of Guelph to be processed by a facility; and saved the Eramosa River.

After this victory, Ms. Clark decided to run for Eramosa Township Council and served two terms (1973-1974), and the second term (1975-1976) serving as Deputy Reeve. From 1975- 1976, Deputy Reeves sat on County Council. During her time on Wellington County Council, Ms. Clark was welcomed by the only other woman who sat on Wellington County Council, Luella Logan. In later years, Ms. Clark became a licensed real estate agent and remained an active volunteer with such organizations as Community Mental Health, The Children's Aid Society, Guelph- Wellington Women in Crisis and the Sunrise Equestrian Centre, to name a few. In 2010, Ms. Clark received a Lifetime Achievement Award for her voluntary community service from the Women in Distraction Awards, hosted by YMCA/YWCA. Today Ms. Clark remains an active member of the Church of the Apostles, is the Programme Director of the Guelph Historical Society, a Scribe for a 12 member book club; and a member of Third Age Learning.

Chosen Charity:

It is our pleasure on behalf of the Logan family, and Wellington Council Council, and to present Ms. Clark with the 2022 Luella Logan Award – Women in Politics; and to offer \$1500 in Ms. Clark's name to a charity as her choice. Ms. Clark has chosen Guelph-Wellington Women in Crisis for her charity. Guelph-Wellington Women in Crisis is a feminist community-based organization providing services to women and their children on domestic violence, sexual violence and human trafficking. Women in Crisis offers services to all individuals accessing programs while being responsive to issues of race, gender, religion, age, sexual orientation, socio-economic status or abilities.

Recommendation:

That the report titled Luella Logan Award 2022- Women in Politics be received for information.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicole Cardow', written in a cursive style.

Nicole Cardow
Deputy Clerk