**The Pam McConnell Young Women in Leadership Award**

*"We are trying to get young women to think of municipal politics and municipal government as a place where women belong." – Pam McConnell*

*“Toronto is a better and fairer place and city thanks to [Pam McConnell's] service and also thanks to her advocacy.”* *– Mayor John Tory*

**Background:**

Pam McConnell will be remembered as a tireless advocate for women's rights and social justice in the City of Toronto. She was a member of Toronto City Council from 1994 (then Metro Toronto Council) to 2017 and was the former Chair of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Standing Committee on Increasing Women's Participation in Municipal Government. She was the Champion for the City of Toronto's Protégée Program, a mentorship program matching young women with City Councillors intending to increase women's representation in electoral politics.

In remembrance of Pam McConnell, the Protégée Program is pleased to present the **Pam McConnell Award for Young Women in Leadership**, to recognize the exceptional leadership of young women in the City of Toronto.

**Eligibility & Selection Criteria:**

The Award is open to young women residing in the City of Toronto, between the ages of 19 and 26 upon the application deadline (February 16, 2018), who:

* Have demonstrated exceptional leadership skills through a proven track record of volunteer and/or paid work in the community-based sector
* Have shown a commitment to social justice work through creating or leading community-based programs or services for vulnerable youth or residents in Toronto
* Have inspired other young women through formal or informal mentorship

**Application Process:**

1. **Nominations:** Applicants may nominate themselves or another candidate, with their written consent provided through their signature on the application form. All applicants must complete the application form (attached) and include 2 letters of support from references who have direct knowledge of the nominees' leadership skills and experience.
2. **Applications Timelines:** Applications will open on January 16, 2018 and are due by midnight on February 16, 2018. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. **Submission of Application:** Please send completed scanned application by email to [youthdu@toronto.ca](mailto:youthdu@toronto.ca) or submit to Laura Metcalfe, Youth Development Unit, City Hall, 100 Queen St. W., East Tower, 15th Floor, Toronto, ON M5H 2N2.

The award recipient will be invited to an event at **City Hall on March 8, 2018, International Women's Day**, hosted by the Toronto Public Service Women's Network. The award recipient will be presented with an award and a cash prize ($500). We strongly encourage the candidates to be available to receive the reward.

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***1) Contact Information:***

Name of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone # of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of nominator (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email of nominator: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone # of nominator: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***2) In 500 words or less, please describe the leadership the nominee demonstrates through her volunteer or paid work.***

***3) In 250 words or less, please describe the nominee's commitment to social justice work through her creation of or leadership in community-based programs or services for vulnerable youth or residents in Toronto.***

***4) In 250 words or less, please describe how the nominee has inspired other young women. Please cite two specific examples of how the nominees has inspired young women.***

***5) Please attach 2 letters of support from references who have worked with the nominee. Letters should be no more than one-page in length.***

***6) Consent and Verification:***

By signing below, I certify all information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I consent to the submission of this application.

Signature of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Privacy Statement:**

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