



Sleep Cheap Charities Reap Committee Terms of Reference

Background

In 2004, Councillor Jim Diodati initiated an event to celebrate the City's 100th Anniversary and promote goodwill between the tourist industry and the residents of the City of Niagara Falls. Sleep Cheap Charities Reap took the concept a step further in 2005, supporting some of Niagara's most deserving charities. The event provides an opportunity for Niagara Falls residents to experience some of the City's most prestigious hotel properties and attractions for a fraction of the cost, and the proceeds are donated to a fund benefitting local charities.

The Funds

Of the money raised through the event:

- a portion is provided to the Niagara Community Foundation, where the money is put into permanent, income-earning endowment funds that benefit local charities;
- funds are directed to charities identified by the Sleep Cheap Charities Reap Committee through an application process. Individual hotels and attractions also have the option of directing 25% of the funds they raise to a particular charity.

Purpose of the Committee

The Sleep Cheap Charities Reap Committee is responsible for allocating funds generated by the event to deserving charities throughout the Region that serve Niagara Falls residents.

The Committee meets as necessary to review applications from charities requesting donations. The volunteer committee will review all applications on their individual merit, and will provide fair and equitable consideration for all eligible applicants.

The Process

- The Sleep Cheap Charities Reap Application for Charitable Donations will be posted on the Sleep Cheap Charities Reap and City of Niagara Falls websites for downloading.
- Charities must complete an application by the deadline to be considered.
- As a general rule, charities will not be considered if they have received a donation from Sleep Cheap Charities Reap fundraising campaign in the previous two years.
- Applications will be reviewed by the Sleep Cheap Charities Reap Committee.
- As part of the review process, the Committee may solicit the advice of other knowledgeable individuals or organizations. There may be requests for further information and/or meetings between the applicant and the Sleep Cheap Committee.
- All applicants will be notified of the Committee's decision.
- The Committee reserves the right to request and receive reports on use of funds from organizations that receive donations through this program.

2017 Sleep Cheap Charities Reap Committee Members

Mayor Jim Diodati

Councillor Victor Pietrangelo, Chair

Regional Councillor Selina Volpatti

Dino DiCienzo Jr.

Tish DiBellonia

Keith Simmonds

Maria Menechella

Ken Todd, City of Niagara Falls

Finance Representative, City of Niagara Falls

Dale Morton, City of Niagara Falls

Should a vacancy arise, the committee will appoint an appropriate replacement, maintaining the current representation.