

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – JUNE 14, 2011

ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST- HERITAGE COMMUNITY RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services, on behalf of the Heritage Vaughan Committee, recommends:

1. That the nominee / individual identified in the confidential memorandum as found in Attachment 1, as nominated by the Heritage Vaughan Committee for the 2011 Ontario Heritage Trust - Heritage Community Recognition Program, be approved.

Contribution to Sustainability

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council in the Green Directions, Vaughan, Community Sustainability Environmental Master Plan, Goal 4, Objective 4.1:

- To foster a city with strong social cohesion, an engaging arts scene, and a clear sense of its culture and heritage.

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact related to this report.

Communications Plan

The award recipient will be made aware of Council's nomination by the Province and will receive an invitation to the award ceremony at Queen's Park.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to approve the nomination of the recipient of the Heritage Community Recognition Program of the Ontario Heritage Trust.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Awards commemorate those who have contributed greatly to heritage conservation in their communities. Each year, recipients of these awards are invited to a special ceremony at Queen's Park, hosted by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

The Ontario Heritage Trust has issued a call for nominations for the three recognition programs offered for 2011 for outstanding contributions made to identifying, preserving, protecting and promoting Ontario's heritage.

Heritage Vaughan Committee at its meeting of May 18, 2011 reviewed the criteria for each award program and put forth a nomination for the award program (Heritage Community Recognition Program) for Council's review and consideration.

Heritage Community Recognition Program - For Ontario residents over 18

The Ontario Heritage Trust recognizes individuals and groups who have made volunteer contributions to preserving, protecting and promoting community heritage.

Since 1996, the Ontario Heritage Trust has asked Ontario municipalities, First Nations band councils and Métis community councils to nominate individuals in their communities who have made a significant contribution to the promotion, preservation or protection of Ontario's Built Heritage, Cultural Heritage and/or Natural Heritage.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

In consideration of the strategic priorities related to Vaughan Vision 2020, the report will provide:

- STRATEGIC GOAL:
Service Excellence - Providing service excellence to citizens.
- STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:
Preserve our heritage and support diversity, arts and culture.

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Regional Implications

None

Conclusion

The Heritage Community Recognition Program is one way of recognizing the positive effects that an individual can have in a community, to make it a distinct and unique place to live, work and play. This contributes to making Vaughan, as a whole, a culturally rich place for its citizens and visitors.

Attachments

1. Confidential Memorandum (Members of Council Only)

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