

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JANUARY 17, 2012

2012 VAUGHAN HERITAGE PRESERVATION AWARDS

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services and the Director of Recreation and Culture provides the following recommendation on behalf of Heritage Vaughan Committee:

1. That the 2012 Vaughan Heritage Preservation Award recipients as identified in the confidential memorandum in Attachment 1, be approved; and,
2. That John Mifsud, Chair of the Heritage Vaughan Committee, make a presentation at the Council meeting of February 21, 2012.

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 associated with this request.

Communications Plan

All Heritage Vaughan Committee agenda items and minutes relating to committee meetings are circulated to relevant City departments, applicants and their representatives. Committee meeting minutes are posted on the City's website. The Vaughan Preservation Award recipients will be recognized at a Council meeting on February 21, 2012. The third week in February is declared Heritage Week by the Province of Ontario and the City of Vaughan (as declared by Council in 2010). This year, Heritage Week will take place from February 20 to 26, 2012. The proclamation will be posted on the City's website.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider Heritage Vaughan's recommendation of nominees to receive the 2012 Vaughan Heritage Preservation Awards. The Awards will be presented to the recipients at a Council meeting on February 21, 2012.

Background - Analysis and Options

In January 2004, Council approved the "Vaughan Heritage Preservation Awards" program to grant awards to individuals and organizations that have made an outstanding contribution to the preservation of heritage/cultural resources in the City of Vaughan. In 2010, Vaughan Council approved the yearly recognition of Heritage Week as the third week in February as declared by the Province of Ontario.

Heritage Vaughan at its meeting of November 16th, 2011, approved a list of nominees to receive a Preservation Award in 2012. The Heritage Vaughan Committee is a statutory advisory committee of Council and makes recommendations as it relates to heritage matters and matters as authorized under the Ontario Heritage Act.

In conjunction with the Chair of the Heritage Vaughan Committee, a PowerPoint presentation will be presented to Council at the February, 21, 2012 Council meeting that will feature an overview of the nominees and their contribution to the preservation of heritage/cultural resources in the City of Vaughan.

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

Staff is bringing forward Heritage Vaughan's recommendation for Council's consideration. Vaughan Heritage Preservation Awards provides an excellent opportunity to thank and highlight individuals and organizations in the community that have helped preserve and promote Vaughan's cultural/heritage resources such as historic streetscapes, archival collections and heritage buildings. This year's nominees represent restoration and conservation projects that have made a significant contribution to the preservation of Vaughan's built cultural heritage resources.

Attachments

1. Confidential Memorandum (Members of Council Only).

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