

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2009

Item 1, Report No. 43, of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session), which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on October 13, 2009 and the confidential recommendations and report made public.

1 **2009 WARD 2 CIVIC HERO AWARD**
(Referred Item)

The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) recommends:

- 1) **That Tom Lazenkas---since 1969 the operator of a barbershop located at 96 Woodbridge Avenue---be named recipient of the 2009 Civic Hero Award for Ward 2; and**
- 2) **That the confidential report of Councillor Carella, dated September 8, 2009, be received.**

Recommendation

Councillor Tony Carella recommends that Tom Lazenkas---since 1969 the operator of a barbershop located at 96 Woodbridge Avenue---be named recipient of the 2009 Civic Hero Award for Ward 2.

Contribution to Sustainability

This honouree exemplifies the sustainability of small business over four decades.

Economic Impact

Nil

Communication Plan

Corporate Communications will issue a media release once this recommendation is adopted by Council. In addition, a media release will be issued following the presentation of the award to Mr Lazenkas at a reception in his honour at the Historic Wallace House, on Tuesday, October 13, 2009---the fortieth anniversary of the opening of his barbershop in Woodbridge, said reception to be co-sponsored by Councillor Tony Carella and the Historic Wallace House Committee.

Background – Analysis and Options

The City of Vaughan’s Civic Hero Awards honour individuals who make our community a better place in which to live and work. As a young twenty-something Tom Lazenkas was working on Danforth Avenue in the City of Toronto’s east end forty years ago when he took a call from friend George Tsigoulas, who told Tom that he had just leased a small building in Woodbridge, for a barbershop for the two of them. Tom’s first response was “Where’s Woodbridge?”

The shop had in fact been in operation for more than a third of a century, having been open originally in 1935 by barber Ali Robb. Back then (and until 1972) Woodbridge Avenue was known as Pine Street, and the small parkette immediately to the west of the shop was the village’s police station.

Fast forward to 2009, when Tom will be marking his fortieth anniversary as Woodbridge’s premier barber on October 13. While the Royal Bank of Canada (once housed in what later served as the municipal offices of the Village of Woodbridge, and as the Woodbridge Public Library ever since), the Bank of Montreal, and the Ministry of Transportation office pre-date Tom’s arrival in Woodbridge, none of the personnel at these locations has his track record in terms of local service.

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What personally recommends Tom for this award is his perennial good humour, his willingness to share news (but never gossip), and of course his superior tonsorial skills. This award salutes those qualities, and thanks him for them. Congratulations to Tom, his wife Freda, and his two sons Daniel (and wife Stacey) and John.

And George? After a while he got itchy feet, and got a job with the City of Vaughan, from which he is now retired.

Regional Implications

Nil

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

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

Conclusion

Through maintaining a highly successful business presence in the heart of Woodbridge for forty years, Tom Lazenkas has earned the tribute embodied in the City of Vaughan's Civic Hero Awards.

Attachments

None

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Item 2, Report No. 43, of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session), which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on October 13, 2009, as follows:

By approving the confidential recommendation of the Closed Session meeting of October 13, 2009; and

By receiving the confidential report of the Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services and City Solicitor, the Director of Human Resources, and the Fire Chief, dated October 13, 2009.



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**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UPDATE -
VAUGHAN PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) recommends that the confidential recommendation of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) be approved.