

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JUNE 20, 2005**

### **R.C.M.P. MEMORIAL TRUST FUND AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

#### **Recommendation:**

Councillor Tony Carella recommends:

1. That the City Manager direct appropriate staff to communicate---to those members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police having carriage of this matter---the interest of the City of Vaughan in assisting in efforts to promote contributions to the trust fund and scholarships to be established for the benefit of the families of Constables Peter Christopher Schiemann, Anthony Fitzgerald Orion Gordon, Lionide Nicholas Johnston, and Brock Warren Myrol---all of whom died in the line of duty in Mayerthorpe, Alberta, on March 3, 2005; and
2. That the City of Vaughan arrange to receive on consignment from the appropriate source lapel pins designed by the RCMP as memorial tokens and intended for sale to Canadians from coast to coast, the proceeds of which will constitute the financial basis of the trust fund and scholarships to be established by the RCMP for the benefit of the families of the aforementioned constables; and
3. That the City of Vaughan communicate to the citizens of Vaughan, through all means available to it, that these memorial pins are available for purchase from the City, and that all proceeds from the sale/purchase of said pins will be transmitted to the RCMP for the aforementioned purposes; and
4. That Councillor Carella have the honour of purchasing the first such pin.

#### **Economic Impact**

Nil

#### **Purpose**

To demonstrate the support of the Council of the City of Vaughan for those who serve their fellow citizens in the enforcement of the law, whether nationally, provincially, regionally, or locally.

#### **Background**

All Canadians were shocked by the events which transpired in Mayerthorpe, Alberta, on March 3, 2005, when four RCMP constables were murdered in cold blood. Without a doubt, the greatest sorrow is born by the members of the families of these four young men---a sorrow which may never pass. In recognition of that fact, a trust fund has been established by the RCMP for the benefit of the families of these victims, as well as scholarships for their children. To promote contributions to both of these worthy initiatives, memorial pins will soon be made available for sale by the RCMP.

To ensure the greatest possible response from among the citizens of Vaughan to this appeal for support, the City of Vaughan should promote the purchase of these pins by all means available to it.

#### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007**

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary

resources have been allocated and approved.

**Conclusion:**

To demonstrate its commitment to all of those individuals who enforce the laws of our country, the City of Vaughan should actively promote contributions by the citizens of Vaughan to the trust fund and scholarships established for the benefit of the families of the RCMP constables who died in Mayerthorpe, Alberta, by facilitating the sale within the City of Vaughan of lapel pins designed as memorial tokens.

**Attachments:**

None

**Report prepared by:**

Councillor Tony Carella

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Tony Carella