

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - FEBRUARY 5, 2007**

### **2007 VAUGHAN HERITAGE PRESERVATION AWARDS**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Director of Recreation & Culture, recommends approval of the following Heritage Vaughan recommendation:

1. That the week of February 19-25, 2007 be declared Heritage Week in the City of Vaughan; and,
2. The following individuals/groups be approved for the 2007 Vaughan Heritage Preservation Awards:
  1. Solara Developments and Mr. Anthony Baldassara, Architect for the successful restoration and preservation of the Nathaniel Shunk House, 9901 Keele Street, Maple.
  2. Mr. Domenic Sala for the restoration of the James East house at 10496 Islington Avenue, Kleinburg.
  3. The Wallace House Committee for their excellent efforts to interpret Vaughan's heritage through their programs such as walking tours, special events and exhibits.
  4. Mr. Jack Maynard for his volunteer service in preserving Vaughan's heritage, in particular, in his position as Chair of Heritage Vaughan from 2005-2006.
  5. Mrs. Josie Vivona for her longstanding volunteer service (since 1992) on Heritage Vaughan Committee and her continued commitment to preserving Vaughan's heritage.

#### **Economic Impact**

There is no economic impact associated with this request.

#### **Purpose**

To seek Council approval of Heritage Vaughan's recommendation of nominees to receive the 2007 Vaughan Heritage Preservation Awards.

#### **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.

Heritage Vaughan at its meeting of January 17, 2007, approved the list of nominees as noted in the recommendation section of this report. The 2007 Vaughan Heritage Preservation Awards will be presented to this year's recipients at "Cultural Heritage Night", February 20, 2007. "Cultural Heritage Night" is celebrated every year during Heritage Week (February 19-25, 2007). Awards will also be presented to winners of this year's Heritage Vaughan Art Contest for both elementary and secondary school students.

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

Section 4.6 of the Vaughan Vision encourages the preservation and enhancement of the natural and built heritage environment and encourages the preservation of significant historical structures and communities.

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources to implement all points outlined in this report have been allocated and approved.

### **Conclusion**

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 a cross-section of the community and their extensive contribution to the preservation of Vaughan's heritage and cultural resources.

### **Attachments**

None

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