

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JANUARY 21, 2008**

### **2008 VAUGHAN HERITAGE PRESERVATION AWARDS**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Community Services recommends approval of the following Heritage Vaughan Committee recommendation:

1. That the week of February 18-24, 2008, be declared Heritage Week in the City of Vaughan; and,
2. The following individuals/groups be awarded the 2008 Vaughan Heritage Preservation Awards:
  1. Mr. Anthony Wekerle for the restoration and rehabilitation of the old church structure at 7788 Yonge Street, Thornhill, located within the Thornhill Heritage Conservation District.
  2. Mr. Geoffrey Sprawson for the design of the new residential building at 28 Napier Street, located in the Kleinburg-Nashville Heritage Conservation District.
  3. Trustees of the Cober Dunkard Church for their dedication to the maintenance and preservation of the church at 8785 Dufferin Street.
  4. Mr. Jack Herman for the restoration of the belfry tower of the former Mount Lebanon Public School at 5970 Kirby Road, a designated heritage structure.

#### **Economic Impact**

There is no economic impact associated with this request.

#### **Communications Plan**

Heritage Week proclamation to be posted on the City's website and notice to be included on the City Page in the local paper (space permitting). The recipients of the Vaughan Heritage Preservation Awards will be notified of their receipt of the award and will be invited to the Cultural Heritage Night celebrations on February 20, 2008 to receive their award.

#### **Purpose**

To seek Council approval of the Heritage Week proclamation and approval of Heritage Vaughan's nominees to receive the 2008 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 December 19, 2007, approved the list of nominees as noted in the recommendation section of this report. The 2008 Vaughan Heritage Preservation Awards will be presented to this year's recipients at "Cultural Heritage Night", February 20, 2008. "Cultural Heritage Night" is celebrated every year during Heritage Week (February 18-24, 2008).

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 2020**

Vaughan Vision 2020 identifies as a strategic priority, the objective of providing service excellence to Vaughan citizens by preserving and supporting Vaughan's heritage and culture.

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.

### **Regional Implications**

There are no regional implications associated with the approval of this report.

### **Conclusion**

Vaughan Heritage Preservation Awards provide 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 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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Respectfully submitted,

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