

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JUNE 16, 2008

2008 ONTARIO HERITAGE COMMUNITY RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Recommendation

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

1. That the following individuals be nominated for the Ontario Heritage Trust's 2008 Heritage Community Recognition award:
 1. Mr. Robert Stitt for his contribution to the preservation of Vaughan's built heritage, as a long-time member of Heritage Vaughan Committee and also for his work with the Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill.
 2. Ms. Nancy Payne for her contribution to preserving Vaughan's cultural heritage as president and volunteer member of the Wallace House Committee.

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact associated with the nomination of individuals to receive the Ontario Heritage Trust's Ontario Heritage Community Recognition award.

Communications Plan

Council's approval of the subject nominations will be forwarded to the Ontario Heritage Trust for review. Recipients will be notified of their award and a certificate will be presented to them at a future Council meeting and information regarding the award will be posted on the City's website.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present to Council for review, nomination for the 2008 Heritage Community Recognition Program recommended by Heritage Vaughan Committee, a statutory advisory committee to Council on heritage matters. Under the award program, Council must approve award nominations prior to their submission to the Ontario Heritage Trust for consideration.

Background - Analysis and Options

At the May 21, 2008 Heritage Vaughan meeting, the Committee reviewed the 2008 Heritage Community Recognition Program sponsored by the Ontario Heritage Trust.

Eligible categories included built, cultural, natural heritage, and lifetime achievement awards. Municipalities may only nominate one person in each category. Individuals only can be nominated for the award, however, persons that are part of a larger organization/group that have made contributions as a member of their organization, may also be nominated.

Heritage Vaughan Committee recommended at its May meeting that the following individuals be nominated for the 2008 Heritage Community Recognition Program for their contributions in the categories of built and cultural heritage:

1. Mr. Robert Stitt for his contribution to the preservation of Vaughan's built heritage, as a long-time member of Heritage Vaughan Committee and also for his work with the Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill. Mr. Stitt is an active member of Heritage

Vaughan and has advocated for heritage preservation in particular within the Thornhill Heritage Conservation District.

2. Ms. Nancy Payne for her contribution to preserving Vaughan's cultural heritage as president and volunteer member of the Wallace House Committee. Ms. Payne has led a number of volunteers in the development of a number of programs at the Wallace House, a City-owned heritage buildings at 137 Woodbridge Avenue, that have contributed to promoting cultural heritage in the Woodbridge community. These programs include a Victorian Christmas day, interpretive displays, and community art exhibitions.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

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

There are no Regional implications associated with this report.

Conclusion

The 2008 Heritage Community Recognition Program provides an opportunity to recognize through the Ontario Heritage Trust, individuals in the Vaughan community that have made a contribution to built and cultural heritage. Nominees, if approved by the Ontario Heritage Trust, will be presented with an award certificate at a Council meeting in the fall 2008.

Attachments

None.

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