

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JANUARY 13, 2009**

### **2009 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 16 – 22, 2009 be declared Heritage Week in the City of Vaughan; and,
2. That the list of nominees as provided by Heritage Vaughan Committee for the 2009 Heritage Preservation Awards, be confirmed by Council as detailed in a confidential memorandum on this matter.

#### **Economic Impact**

There is no economic impact associated with this request

#### **Communications Plan**

The Vaughan Heritage Preservation Awards and Cultural Heritage Night will be promoted through the City's website, City page (space permitting) in addition to invitations being sent out to award recipients. Further the Heritage Vaughan Committee will publically recognize the award recipients, as part of the Cultural Heritage Night on February 18, 2009.

#### **Purpose**

To seek Council approval of the Heritage Vaughan Committee's recommendation of nominees to receive the 2009 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 November 19, 2008, approved a list of nominees to receive a Preservation Award. The 2009 Vaughan Heritage Preservation Awards will be presented to this year's recipients at "Cultural Heritage Night", February 18, 2009. Heritage Vaughan Committee hosts the event in conjunction with Vaughan Council to recognize individuals for their efforts in the area of heritage conservation in the City of Vaughan.

"Cultural Heritage Night" is celebrated every year during Heritage Week (February 16-22, 2009). Awards will also be presented to winners of this year's Heritage Vaughan Art Contest for both elementary and secondary school students.

Heritage Week, February 16-22, 2009, is celebrated throughout the Province of Ontario and provides an opportunity to commemorate the history of communities, its buildings and landmarks, and the people who have contributed to its unique heritage and culture.

### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan**

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**

None

### **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 contribution to the preservation of Vaughan's heritage and cultural resources.

### **Attachments**

None

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