

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JUNE 23, 2009

CHARACTER COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RESIGNATION OF A COUNCIL MEMBER AND RECRUITMENT FOR A NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

Recommendation

The City Manager recommends that Council appoint a new member to the Character Community Committee.

Contribution to Sustainability

N/A

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact.

Communications Plan

The City's website and all Clerks' documents will be updated to advise the public of the members of the Character Community Committee.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to accept the resignation of Councillor Yeung Racco from the Character Community Committee and to appoint another Member of Council to this vacancy.

Background - Analysis and Options

A Character Community is one in which elected officials, community leaders, citizens and staff recognize and promote good character. Everyone works together to ensure that families are strong, homes and streets are safe, education is effective, business is productive, neighbors care about one another, and people make wise choices for their families and lives. In short, a Character Community has leaders who are models of the character attributes they advocate for their citizens.

Vaughan City Council, at its meeting on October 9, 2007 established a Character Community Working Committee with representation from Council (Mayor Linda Jackson, Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio, and Councillor Yeung Racco).

The Character Community Working Committee is currently comprised of 11 members. Mayor Linda Jackson, Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio (Chair), In addition to the City Manager there are a number of staff who support the Working Committee.

Option 1:

That Council appoint a new member to the Character Committee.

Option 2:

That Council accept the resignation of Councillor Yeung Racco and elect to not appoint another member to the Character Committee.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

All initiatives of the Vaughan Vision 2020 are incorporated within a Character Community as the Character Community Committee strives to provide Service Excellence by preserving our heritage and supporting diversity, arts and culture, Management Excellence by demonstrating leadership and promoting effective governance, and Staff Excellence by valuing and encouraging a highly motivated and engaged workforce.

Regional Implications

The City continues to work closely with the Character Community Committee of York Region to promote the City of Vaughan's Character Community Initiatives.

Conclusion

Character Community Week is celebrated annually in conjunction with York Region's Character Community Week. Character Community Week for 2009 is scheduled for October 26 - 30th, 2009. The Committee requests that Council choose Option 1 and appoint a Councillor to the Character Community Committee.

Attachments

N/A.

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