

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JANUARY 12, 2010**

### **HERITAGE WEEK DECLARATION AND 2010 VAUGHAN HERITAGE PRESERVATION AWARDS**

#### **Recommendation**

Heritage Vaughan Committee recommends:

1. That the third week in February be declared Heritage Week in the City of Vaughan in 2010 and in subsequent years henceforth; and,
2. That the 2010 Vaughan Heritage Preservation Award recipients as identified in the confidential memorandum in Attachment 1, be approved.

#### **Contribution to Sustainability**

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council in the Green Directions, Vaughan, Community Sustainability Environmental Master Plan:

- 4.1 To foster a city with strong social cohesion, an engaging arts scene, and a clear sense of its culture and heritage.

#### **Economic Impact**

There is no economic impact associated with this request

#### **Communications Plan**

The Heritage Week Declaration, Vaughan Heritage Preservation Awards and Cultural Heritage Night will be promoted through the City's website, 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, 2010.

#### **Purpose**

To seek Council approval of the Heritage Vaughan Committee's recommendation of nominees to receive the 2010 Vaughan Heritage Preservation Awards and to declare the third week in February, Heritage Week in the City of Vaughan.

#### **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 16, 2009, approved a list of nominees to receive a Preservation Award. The 2010 Vaughan Heritage Preservation Awards will be presented to this year's recipients at "Cultural Heritage Night", February 18, 2010. 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.

Heritage Vaughan committee is a statutory advisory committee of Council and makes recommendations as it relates to heritage matters and matters as authorized under the Ontario Heritage Act.

“Cultural Heritage Night” is celebrated every year during Heritage Week. Heritage Week is held the third week in February in 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. 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/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**

1. Confidential Memorandum (Members of Council Only)

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