

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2009

Item 1, Report No. 7, of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session), which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on February 24, 2009, and the confidential recommendations and report made public.

1 NOMINATION FOR THE 2009 WARD 3 CIVIC HERO

The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) recommend:

- 1) That John Mifsud be the recipient of the Ward 3 Civic Hero Award for 2009;
- 2) That he be presented with this award by the Council of the City of Vaughan at the earliest opportunity; and
- 3) That the confidential report of Councillor Di Vona, dated February 10, 2009, be received.

Recommendation

Councillor Bernie Di Vona recommends:

1. That John Mifsud be the recipient of the Ward 3 Civic Hero Award for 2009; and
2. That he be presented with this award by the Council of the City of Vaughan at the earliest opportunity.

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

The City of Vaughan Corporate Communications Department will issue a Media Advisory prior to the presentation of the Civic Hero Award and a News Release following the presentation of the Civic Hero Award to John Mifsud.

Purpose

To recognize and honour a Ward 3 citizen who exemplifies true commitment and compassion in helping others as stated in the City of Vaughan Declaration of Citizens' Rights and Responsibilities.

Background - Analysis and Options

John Mifsud is an Auto Tech Professor at Centennial College where he has been teaching for 15 years. He is also the founder and organizer of the Centennial College Show & Shine, an annual car show that he organizes, obtains sponsors for and has been the Chair of the Committee for the past 4 years. He was recognized at Centennial College for the "President's Spirit Award" for his enthusiasm and volunteer efforts to organize this event and other volunteer efforts at his school.

John has done a lot of volunteer work for the community through Heritage Vaughan (beginning in 1993 and he is the current Chair), the Pine Valley Ratepayers Association and coaching Baseball teams.

I would like to recognize him as a hero for a very courageous act back in 2002. John put out a fire in a home in Weston Downs. On his way back home from a city meeting as a volunteer he spotted some smoke coming from the Weston Downs area as he was heading down Weston

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Road. Seeing the smoke, he headed down to investigate, and came to the house only to find an elderly grandmother frantically screaming on the driveway as smoke was coming out of the garage. John spotted "propane" gas tanks in the garage and called for the neighbour to call 911 and to get a fire truck and ambulance as the elderly lady fainted. He then grabbed the hose from the neighbour's house to start to put out the fire. He ensured that everyone around was safe, without receiving any recognition. John extinguished the fire before it had gotten out of control. Nobody called to thank him or see how he was doing after this courageous act.

We recognize John, not only for this courageous act of putting out a fire, but for his volunteer work and help throughout the community.

John and his wife Eda have 2 daughters, Kristina is 24 and attending Ryerson and will be graduating next year with a degree in Hospitality Management and Stefanie is 19 and in a three year Advertising program at Centennial College.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health & Wellness – To advocate for, protect and enhance community safety, health and wellness through education, design and enforcement.

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council.

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

For the outstanding accomplishments John Mifsud merits the designation of Civic Hero.

Attachments

N/A

Report prepared by:

Councillor Bernie Di Vona, ext. 8339

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Item 2, Report No. 7, of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session), which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on February 24, 2009.



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**PROPERTY MATTER
VAUGHAN HEALTH CAMPUS OF CARE**

The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) recommends that the confidential recommendation of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) be approved.

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Item 3, Report No. 7, of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session), which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on February 24, 2009.

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**ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD HEARING
OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 661 APPEAL
OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT FILE OP.07009
ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT FILE Z.070049
PINE GROVE ON SEVEN INC.
5263 REGIONAL ROAD 7 AND 7720 KIPLING AVENUE – WARD 2**

The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) recommends that the confidential recommendation of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) be approved.

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Item 4, Report No. 7, of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session), which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on February 24, 2009.

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**PROPERTY MATTER
ACQUISITION OF FIRE STATION SITE (WARD 1)**

The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) recommends that the confidential recommendation of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) be approved.

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Item 5, Report No. 7, of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session), which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on February 24, 2009, and the confidential recommendations and report made public.

5 NOMINATION FOR THE 2008 WARD 4 CIVIC HERO

The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) recommends:

- 1) That Ms. Maxine Roness be the recipient of the Ward 4 Civic Hero Award for 2008;**
- 2) That she be presented with this award by the Council of the City of Vaughan at one of the Council meetings in 2009; and**
- 3) That the confidential report of Councillor Yeung Racco, dated February 10, 2009, be received.**

Recommendation

Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco recommends:

1. That Ms. Maxine Roness be the recipient of the Ward 4 Civic Hero Award for 2008; and
2. That she be presented with this award by the Council of the City of Vaughan at one of the Council meetings in 2009.

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

The City of Vaughan Corporate Communications Department will issue a Media Advisory prior to the presentation of the Civic Hero Award and a News Release following the presentation of the Civic Hero Award to Ms. Roness.

Purpose

To honour a Ward 4 citizen who exemplifies true commitment and compassion in helping others and has taken exemplary action in carrying out the responsibility as a citizen under the City of Vaughan Declaration of Citizens' Rights and Responsibilities.

Background - Analysis and Options

Maxine Roness is the Executive Director of Kids Come First Child Care Centre in Thornhill. Founded in 1992 as a charitable organization, Kids Come First CCC is a licensed child care centre providing preschool, nursery school, kindergarten and school-aged children's programs. As Executive Director, Ms. Roness has developed the Kids Come First curriculum to offer high quality and innovative programs that is attracting the attention of the community, peers and various government agencies. In 2004, Ms. Roness' organization won the Donner Canadian Foundation Award for Child Care, Canada's largest and most prestigious awards program for non-profit organizations.

Through Kids Come First Child Care Centre, Ms. Roness also organizes the annual Between Friends Aboriginal Clothing and Book Drive. This non-profit drive sends clothing, books, toys and other household items to Aboriginal Communities in Northern Ontario. This program has been warmly embraced by the community and has grown tremendously over the years with the support of over 200 volunteers. In 2003 and again in 2008 Ms. Roness' Child Care Centre received an

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Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant to expand the Between Friends Aboriginal Drive due to the enormous success of the program. Between Friends has also been awarded the 2008 June Callwood Award for Outstanding Achievement in Volunteerism in Ontario and the 2008 Organization of Character Award for York Region.

In addition to her not-for-profit work, Ms. Roness has worked tirelessly to help improve her own community. Over the years, she has been involved in a variety of issues, including traffic calming, community safety and other resident concerns.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

A-2 Promote Community Safety, Health and Wellness

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

For her many years of volunteerism, leadership and action within the community through her work with Kids Comes First and Between Friends Aboriginal Clothing Drive, Ms. Maxine Roness merits the designation of a Civic Hero.

Attachments

N/A

Report prepared by:

Cindy Furfaro-Benning, Council Executive Assistant

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Item 6, Report No. 7, of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session), which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on February 24, 2009, as follows:

By approving:

That this item be received and no further action be taken.

Councillor Di Vona declared an interest with respect to this matter as he may be called as a witness and did not take part in the discussion or vote on the matter.



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**RIZMI AND MILANI VS. CITY OF VAUGHAN
DECEMBER 8, 2008 MEETING
LEGAL ADVICE - CLARIFICATION**

The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) recommends:

- 1) That this matter be deferred to the Council meeting of February 24, 2009.**