

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 24, 2009

Item 1, Report No. 51, of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session), which was adopted at the Special Council meeting of November 10, 2009.



1 REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH COUNCIL APPROVED PAY POLICY

Special Council at its meeting of November 10, 2009, adopted the foregoing item, under Minute No. 210.

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Item 2, Report No. 51, of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session), which was adopted at the Special Council meeting of November 10, 2009.

**2 RECOMMENDATION OF SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE
VACANCY – SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT**

Special Council at its meeting of November 10, 2009, adopted the foregoing item, under Minute No. 211.

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Item 3, Report No. 51, of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session), which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on November 24, 2009, as follows:

By approving that Mr. Ali Fatehzadah be appointed to the Safe City Committee.



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**SAFE CITY COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER**

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. 51, of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session), which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on November 24, 2009, and the confidential recommendations and report made public.

4 PARK RIDGE PARKETTE – PROPOSED RENAMING – WARD 1

The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) recommends:

- 1) That the request from the Gurreri family to rename Park Ridge Parkette to “Ross Gurreri Parkette” be approved; and**
- 2) That the confidential report of the Commissioner of Community Services, dated November 10, 2009, be received.**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services in consultation with the City Clerk, the Director of Parks Development and the Director of Parks Operations and Forestry recommends:

- 1) That the request from the Gurreri family to rename Park Ridge Parkette to “Ross Gurreri Parkette” be approved.

Contribution to Sustainability

Not Applicable.

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact as the Gurreri family will contribute \$25,000.00 towards betterments to the park and which would include but not be limited to the supply and installation of a new 911 emergency park sign.

Communications Plan

Not Applicable.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council approval to rename Park Ridge Parkette in memory of Mr. Ross Gurreri.

Background - Analysis and Options

The City of Vaughan received correspondence from Mr. Domenic Gurreri, on May 28, 2009 requesting that Park Ridge Parkette be renamed in memory of his brother, Mr. Ross Gurreri (refer to Attachment A).

The City of Vaughan's Policy (No. 04.3.08) for Renaming City Parks, Open Spaces, Community Facilities and Other Municipal Buildings and Properties allows for name designation in honor of individuals or groups providing that the individual meets any of the following criteria:

3.3 Criteria/Guidelines for Names Honouring Individuals or Groups

“Names for consideration shall be those of distinguished persons, organizations, corporations, foundations or the families:

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1. where there has been a significant contribution to the quality of life, well-being of the City of Vaughan and is consistent with Vaughan Vision; or,
2. to memorialize or otherwise recognize substantial gifts and significant donors, individuals designed by donors, or individuals who have made exemplary or meritorious contributions to the City of Vaughan; or,
3. where there is a strong historical or cultural connection to the City and has made a major contribution to the historical or cultural preservation of the City; or,
4. where there is a strong contribution toward the environmental preservation, conservation or enhancement of the City; or,
5. where there is a major contribution made to the acquisition, development or conveyance of land or building, in question and/or its subsequent development; or,
6. where there is a direct relationship or association that exists between the place or former place of residence of the person or group and the facility/park/street to be named.

It is evident, through the correspondence and letters of support, that Mr. Ross Gurreri and his family made positive and significant contributions to the quality of life, well-being of the City of Vaughan and the Kleinburg community and consistent with Vaughan Vision. In addition, as noted in 3.3 of the Criteria; the Gurreri family has committed to making a donation of \$25,000.00 that will be utilized to add betterments to this park.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

In consideration of the strategic priorities related to Vaughan Vision 2020, the project will provide:

- STRATEGIC GOAL:
Service Excellence - Providing service excellence to citizens.
- STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:
Pursue Excellence in Service Delivery; and Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health and Wellness - To deliver high quality services and to promote health and wellness through design and program

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

Regional Implications

Not Applicable

Conclusion

Ross Gurreri and his family have supported many community and social causes and fundraising events in the City of Vaughan. Additionally, the Gurreri family have committed to making a donation of \$25,000.00 that will be utilized to add betterments to this park. For these reasons, and in accordance with the Policy for Naming City Parks, Open Spaces, Community Facilities and Other Municipal Properties (#04.3.08), staff recommend that Council approve this report to rename Park Ridge Parkette to "Ross Gurreri Parkette".

Attachments

Attachment "A" – Formal Written Request of the Gurreri Family

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Report prepared by:

Marjie Fraser, Director of Parks Operations & Forestry, Ext. 6137

Paul Gardner, Director of Parks Development, Ext. 3209

(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

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Item 5, Report No. 51, of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session), which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on November 24, 2009, and the confidential recommendations made public.

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**ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD HEARING
PLAN OF SUBDIVISION 19T-89056
F. DINARDO AND A. MIRAGLIOTTA
1101 CLARENCE STREET, WARD 2**

The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) recommends:

- 1) That staff be directed to attend the OMB Hearing in support of the condition of draft plan approval and clause 21.4.5 in the draft subdivision agreement dated November 26, 2008 for Draft Plan 19T-89056; and**
- 2) That the confidential report of the Solicitor/Litigation, dated November 10, 2009, be received.**

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Item 6, Report No. 51, of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session), which was considered by the Council of the City of Vaughan on November 24, 2009, was dealt with by approving:

That this matter be deferred to the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) meeting of December 1, 2009; and

That the confidential memorandum from the Solicitor/Litigation, dated November 24, 2009, be received.

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**ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD HEARING
APPEAL OF ZONING BY-LAW 144-2009
RIOTRIN PROPERTIES (VAUGHAN) INC.
HIGHWAY 400 AND HIGHWAY 7 – WARD 3**

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 7, Report No. 51, of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session), which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on November 24, 2009, as follows:

By approving the confidential recommendation of the Closed Session meeting of November 24, 2009; and

By receiving the confidential memorandum from the Director of Legal Services, dated November 24, 2009.



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PROPERTY MATTER - WARD 2
SALE OF CITY LANDS
BLOCK 100, PLAN 65M-2852
GARRIOCK COURT
(Referred Item)

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 8, Report No. 51, of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session), which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on November 24, 2009, and the confidential recommendations made public.

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**ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATES TO FILL VACANCY**

The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) recommends:

- 1) That Mr. Angelo Tocco and Mr. Peter Palotta be appointed to the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the remainder of the 2006-2010 term; and**
- 2) That the confidential report of the Accessibility and Advisory Sub-Committee, dated November 10, 2009, be approved.**

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Paul chose the Military Police branch. Another six months, but this time at CFB (Canadian Forces Base) Borden, in Barrie. Closer to home, he was able to come home most weekends & enjoy his family & friends. Graduation comes & Paul is stationed to CFB Shilo just outside Brandon, Manitoba. Paul worked on base, as a full time Military Policeman in the regular army.

Once his two year contract was complete, the decision to come back to Maple was made. Paul resigned from the regular service & became a reservist. Still an MP, he was posted to 31 Platoon, 2 MP unit working out of ASU (Area Support Unit) Toronto, the Denison Armoury. Every Tuesday & one weekend a month, Paul was a soldier. The rest of the time he was a regular working man.

9/11 occurred & the world became a different place. Iraq & the Afghanistan became every day words. A world away, war was being played out. Canada made it's commitment to assist in Afghanistan. Over time, a number of soldiers Paul knew did their time in the 'sandbox' and came back with stories & memories. Eventually, Paul decided he needed to go to the theater & do his part. They say you need to be a soldier to understand why a soldier does what he does. His parents, brother & sister-in-law found out this adage is true. Paul tried his best to explain, but the understanding wasn't there. However, the support was.

After the training, a month's leave to spend time with his six year old son, his friends & his family, 'boot hit dirt' in early September 08. Paul was now part of the Royal Canadian Regiment. He was assigned to be part of a Police Observation & Monitoring Liaison Team (POMLT). This required him to live in a compound, about 100 km outside Kandahar, with nine other Canadian soldiers, 12 Afghan police & two Afghan interpreters. Patrols outside the compound, along the road know as 'Suicide Alley', was an almost daily requirement. Except for his three weeks of mandatory leave, Paul spent a total of seven months in this situation; teaching, observing & 'chasing the bad guys'. There were gun fights & IED's (improvised explosive devices) to deal with. One of Paul's companions was injured by one such device badly enough that he had to be brought back to Canada.

Today, Paul is working as a fulltime MP at CFB Toronto. He & his fiancé have moved into their new house in Bolton & are in the mist of planning a January wedding.

But he's not a hero. Not in his mind. He was just doing his job over there as he does here. That's it.

But in the minds of all his friends, his acquaintances, his family & anyone who hears how our men & women of the armed forces live & die in this unknown land, he is a hero, one we all have come to know & love as 'The Paul.' Paul Osellame is a "Civic Hero"

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

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

Regional Implications

None.

Conclusion

For his many years of service to his fellow citizens and his commitment to ensuring the safety, health and wellness of his Country Corporal Paul Osellame merits the designation Civic Hero.

Attachments

None

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Report prepared by:

Councillor Peter Meffe

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Item 10, Report No. 51, of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session), which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on November 24, 2009, and the confidential recommendations made public.

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**SALE OF CITY LANDS - WARD 3
PORTION OF BLOCK 148, REGISTERED PLAN 65M-3348
CITY OF VAUGHAN**

The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) recommends:

- 1) That a By-law be enacted to provide:**
 - 1) That the lands described as a portion of Block 148, Registered Plan 65M-3348 consisting of approximately 882 square feet (0.02 acre, subject to survey) as shown on Attachment #1, be declared surplus;**
 - 2) That pursuant to the Disposal of Property By-law, notice of sale of the surplus lands be the inclusion of the matter on Council Agenda;**
 - 3) That the direct sale of the surplus lands to the abutting property owner, Girona Financial Group, for the sum of \$5,500.00 plus G.S.T. if applicable, and additional appraisal and survey costs be authorized;**
 - 4) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign any documentation required to complete this transaction; and**
- 2) That the confidential report of the Senior Manager of Real Estate, dated November 10, 2009, be received.**