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Item 1, Report No. 18, of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session), which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 4, 2010 and the confidential recommendations and report made public.

2010 WARD 2 CIVIC HERO AWARD

The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) recommends:

- 1) That Donna Giustizia be named the recipient of the 2010 Civic Hero Award for Ward 2/ Woodbridge West, and that the award be presented to the honouree at a meeting of the Committee of the Whole, or the Committee of the Whole (Public Hearing), or of Council as requested by the recipient; and
- 2) That the confidential report of Councillor Carella, dated April 20, 2010, be received.

Recommendation

Councillor Tony Carella recommends that Donna Giustizia be named the recipient of the 2010 Civic Hero Award for Ward 2/ Woodbridge West, and that the award be presented to the honouree at a meeting of the Committee of the Whole, or the Committee of the Whole (Public Hearing), or of Council as requested by the recipient.

Contribution to Sustainability

The honoring of those who model civic engagement is one of the best way to promote active, positive participation by citizens in their public affairs

Economic Impact

Nil

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Communication Plan

Once confirmed by Council, the honouree will be informed and a media release published. As well, media will be given notice of the date for the presentation of the award to the honouree.

Background – Analysis and Options

Ms Giustizia has been a resident of Vaughan for thirty-three years, moving with her parents and sister first to Kleinburg in 1977, and then to Woodbridge in 1986. In 1994, she married Diego Giustizia, and together they have three children: twins Christian and Alexander, and Madeline. Ms Giustizia and her family moved to Maple in 1994, and then returned to Woodbridge (specifically Sonoma Heights) in 2002.

The experience of her own children being diagnosed with anaphylaxis (life-threatening allergies) led Ms Giustizia to become a champion of the rights of all anaphylactic children. In fact, she spearheaded the drafting and implementation of the most progressive and comprehensive school allergy plan in the Province of Ontario, one that was adopted by her own children's school and subsequently formed the template for plan developed in all of the schools governed by its board. Indeed, the plan was put in place a full three years prior to the proclamation on January 1, 2006, of Sabrina's Law, which now requires all school boards in Ontario to have policies and procedures in place to address anaphylaxis in schools.

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Ms Giustizia is also an outspoken advocate for educational reforms and community needs. She continues to fight for the rights of anaphylactic children at the Ontario Human Rights Commission in the face of institutional inertia and reaction, such as the removal of accommodations for anaphylactic children once put in place. Indeed, her work has inspired others across the province, Canada, and in the United States to take up the cause of anaphylactic children, in and out of schools. Over and above this important issue, Ms Giustizia is an active volunteer in her community, besides serving four terms as chair of the parent council of her children's school.

Regional Implications

Nil

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

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

Conclusion

Donna Giustizia has earned the respect of her fellow citizens through her work on behalf of children suffering from anaphylaxis. For that reason she deserves to be named "Civic Hero".

<u>Attachment</u>

None

Report prepared by:

Councillor Tony Carella, FRSA

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Item 2, Report No. 18, of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session), which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 4, 2010 and the confidential recommendations and report made public.

OFF LEASH AREA WORKING COMMITTEE <u>APPOINTMENT OF TWO (2) MEMBERS</u>

The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) recommends:

- 1) That Council appoint Ms. Annalisa Pantusa and Mr. Alfio Magnanelli, Dog Owners Groups, for the remainder of the 2006 2010 term; and
- 2) That the confidential report of the Off Leash Area Working Committee, dated April 20, 2010, be received.

Recommendation

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The Off Leash Area Working Committee recommends:

1) That Council appoint Ms. Annalisa Pantusa and Mr. Alfio Magnanelli, Dog Owners Groups, for the remainder of the 2006 - 2010 term.

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact.

Communications Plan

Candidates will be notified if appointed.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to request that Council fill vacancies on the Off Leash Area Working Committee by appointing two members for the remaining 2006-2010 term.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Off Leash Area Working Committee is comprised of 11 members, three (3) of these positions have been vacant. The Off Leash Area Working Committee, at its meeting of March 25, 2010 recommended the following:

That Council be requested to appoint Annalisa Pantusa as a Member of the Off Leash Area Working Committee to represent the Dog Owners Group.

That Council be requested to appoint Alfio Magnanelli as a Member of the Off Leash Area Working Committee to represent the Dog Owners Group.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

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

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Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

The Off Leash Area Working Committee is recommending that Council fill the two vacancies.

Attachments

None

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