

**CITY OF VAUGHAN**

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2017**

Item 18, Report No. 6, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on February 21, 2017.

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**CANADA 150 CELEBRATION TASK FORCE  
COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS GRANT PROGRAM**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated February 7, 2017:

**Recommendation**

The City Clerk submits the following recommendation on behalf of the Canada 150 Celebration Task Force:

1. That Council formally request the allocation of up to \$10,000 from the Mayor's Spirit of Generosity Fund for the purpose of providing a maximum \$500 grant to eligible groups undertaking Canada 150 programs, projects or events;
2. That the grants be administered by the Office of the Chief Financial Officer and City Treasurer
3. That Ziny Kirshenbaum, Giacomo Parisi and Maya Goldenberg, being members of the City's Canada 150 Task Force, be requested to participate as advisors for the purpose of evaluating grant requests; and
4. That the deadline for grant submission be May 30, 2017, but that grants be processed as they are received.

**Contribution to Sustainability**

Participation by community organizations in Canada 150 celebrations strengthens the community of fabric of the City of Vaughan.

**Economic Impact**

If approved, this initiative will be funded through the Mayor's Spirit of Generosity Fund.

**Communications Plan**

A communication plan to advertise the grant program will be posted on the City's web site and through contacts established by the Canada 150 Task Force.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to bring forward for Council's consideration a request made by the Canada 150 Celebration Task Force at its meeting of January 25, 2017.

Since the meeting of the Task Force took place after the Committee of the Whole agenda had been printed, this report is being processed as an addendum.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

At the January 25, 2017 Canada 150 Celebration Task Force meeting, the Task Force requested that the above-referenced recommendation be forwarded to Council for consideration.

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The Canada 150 Celebration Task Force has a mandate to be responsible for consulting with residents, businesses and community organizations for the purposes of developing recommendations for the recognition of Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation on July 1, 2017, and throughout the commemorative year.

The Task Force is also to serve as a catalyst for the initiation of other Canada 150 events, projects and programming by individuals and institutions within the community.

Grant applications will be evaluated and administered by the Office of the Chief Financial Officer and City Treasurer on the advice of three persons who are members of the Canada 150 Task Force and from other City staff including from the Mayor's Office.

Grants will be available only to non-profit groups or organizations having a significant presence/membership in the City of Vaughan, such as Community Service Organizations (CSOs).

The program/event/project, to be eligible for grant consideration, must either be held in Vaughan or in the case of a project involving arts or technology relate to the City of Vaughan in a substantial way. All programs/events/projects must be completed by the end of 2017.

Only one grant will be provided to a group. A total of \$10,000 will be available for grants and applications will be processed as they are received. Grant decisions will be made at the sole discretion of the City of Vaughan.

To be eligible for consideration, all applicants must have a membership open to all City of Vaughan residents and not exclude any person on the basis of race, religion or political affiliation, and must otherwise abide by the Ontario Human Rights Code.

Grant recipients must acknowledge the support received from the City of Vaughan in all literature and promotional materials such as brochures, invitations, and advertising related to the program/event/project. Grant recipients must also agree to provide the City with a short description (together with photographs and any available video or other media) describing the success of the program/event/project no later than December 31, 2017. Where a tangible artifact arises from the program/event/project (such as a book or painting) the City will request that a copy or photograph of same be provided to the City for display and archiving.

#### **Relationship to Term of Council Service Excellence Strategy Map (2014-2018)**

This report supports the following Term of Council priority, as outlined in the Service Excellence Strategy Map:

- Support and promote arts, culture, heritage and sports in the community.

#### **Regional Implications**

There are no regional implications.

#### **Conclusion**

The City Clerk is forwarding the Canada 150 Celebration Task Force's' recommendations of January 25, 2017, for Council's consideration.

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**Attachments**

None

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