



**CITY OF VAUGHAN
SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016**

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MINUTES

2:30 P.M.

Council convened in the Municipal Council Chamber in Vaughan, Ontario, at 2:34 p.m.

The following members were present:

Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mayor
Regional Councillor Michael Di Biase
Regional Councillor Mario Ferri
Councillor Tony Carella
Councillor Rosanna DeFrancesca
Councillor Marilyn Iafrate (2:47 p.m.)
Councillor Alan Shefman
Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco

137. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

MOVED by Regional Councillor Ferri
seconded by Regional Councillor Di Biase

THAT the agenda be confirmed.

CARRIED

138. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Councillor Carella declared an interest with respect to Item 1, ORDER OF VAUGHAN RECIPIENTS, as his spouse is a recipient.

139. RESOLUTION TO RESOLVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

MOVED by Councillor Shefman
seconded by Councillor Yeung Racco

That Council resolve into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the following matters:

1. ORDER OF VAUGHAN RECIPIENTS

(personal matters about identifiable individuals)

CARRIED

Council recessed at 2:36 p.m.

MOVED by Regional Councillor Ferri
seconded by Councillor DeFrancesca

THAT Council reconvene at 2:52 p.m.

CARRIED

Council reconvened at 2:52 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua
Regional Councillor Michael Di Biase
Regional Councillor Mario Ferri
Councillor Rosanna DeFrancesca
Councillor Marilyn Iafrate
Councillor Alan Shefman
Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco

140. ORDER OF VAUGHAN RECIPIENTS

MOVED by Councillor Iafrate
seconded by Councillor Shefman

That the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated September 27, 2016, be approved:

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY UPON A RECORDED VOTE

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Councillor Shefman
Councillor Yeung Racco
Regional Councillor Di Biase
Mayor Bevilacqua
Regional Councillor Ferri
Councillor DeFrancesca
Councillor Iafrate

The City Clerk, on behalf of the Order of Vaughan Selection Committee, recommends:

1. That Council endorse the 25 individuals recommended by the Order of Vaughan Selection Committee and set out in Confidential Attachment 1 to this report, as the inaugural recipients of the Order of Vaughan; and
2. That the names of the individual recipients be made public following notification by the Mayor.

Contribution to Sustainability

The periodic granting of recognition to members of the broader community serves to establish a culture of public service and servant leadership.

Economic Impact

Pursuant to the authority granted by Council through its adoption of Item No. 16 of Report No. 40 of Committee of the Whole on November 17, 2015, the City Manager has been authorized to allocate funds to 25th Year Anniversary initiatives. Staff are in the process of identifying sources of funding, including sponsorship revenue.

Communications Plan

The Mayor will contact the recipients to advise them of the conferring of the honour. Each recipient will formally receive the Order of Vaughan at a widely publicized event to be held for that purpose on October 25, 2016.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the Order of Vaughan Selection Committee's list of recipients for the inaugural award of the Order of Vaughan.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Order of Vaughan program was established by Council's adoption of Item No. 16 of Report No. 40 of the Committee of the whole on November 17, 2015, and of Item No. 9 of Report No. 12 of Committee of the Whole on March 22, 2016.

The Order of Vaughan will be presented as Vaughan's highest honour. It will be granted to a maximum of ten individuals annually, with 25 awards to be granted in the first year (2016) to symbolically recognize the contributions individuals have made to the City over its first 25 years with that status.

Recipients will become Members of the Order of Vaughan, and will be permitted to indicate such by wearing a subtle pin. The initiative is modelled after the Order of Canada and the Order of Ontario.

To qualify for the Order of Vaughan, an individual must have a significant and enduring relationship with the City and be capable to be recognized as being engaged in a beneficial activity in Vaughan in one or more of the following categories:

- Arts & Entertainment
- Business
- Science & Technology
- Environment
- Media & Communications
- Philanthropy
- Not-For-Profit
- Spiritual
- Athletics
- Public Service
- Equity & Diversity
- Health & Wellness
- Education
- Accessibility

In all, application packages for 71 individuals were reviewed by the Order of Vaughan Selection Committee consisting of Daniel Kostopoulos, City Manager; Mary Reali, Deputy City Manager of Community Services; Margie Singleton, CEO of Vaughan Public Libraries; Dan Zelenyj, Manager, Archives and Records Management Services & City Archivist; Brian Shifman, President & CEO of the Vaughan Chamber of Commerce; and the City Clerk as Chair.

The selection committee had a challenging task in distinguishing honourees amongst the wide array of individuals who have made strong commitments to this community. The exclusion of a nominee from the recommended list should not be taken as an indicator that those not receiving an award would not be a worthy Order of Vaughan recipient at a later date. Rather, the recommended recipients are reflective of the best information the Order of Vaughan Selection Committee had before it when the review was conducted.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

The initiatives in this report support the following initiatives set out in the Term of Council Service Excellence Strategy Map:

Term of Council Priorities:

- Support and promote arts, culture, heritage and sports in the community
- Enhance civic pride through a consistent city-wide approach to citizen engagement

Regional Implications

Not applicable

Conclusion

Having reviewed all applications received, the Order of Vaughan Selection Committee recommends the individuals set out in Confidential Attachment 1 to be the inaugural recipients of the Order of Vaughan.

Attachments

Confidential Attachment 1: Order of Vaughan Recipients

Report prepared by:

Jeffrey A. Abrams, City Clerk
on behalf of the Order of Vaughan Selection Committee

(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.)

Having previously declared an interest Councillor Carella was not present during consideration of the matter.

141. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

MOVED by Regional Councillor Di Biase
seconded by Councillor Iafrate

THAT By-law Number 150-2016, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting on September 27, 2016, be enacted.

CARRIED

142. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor DeFrancesca
seconded by Councillor Shefman

THAT the meeting adjourn at 2:55 p.m.

CARRIED

Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mayor

Barbara A. McEwan, Deputy City Clerk