

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2016

Item 23, Report No. 21, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 17, 2016.

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**PIERRE BERTON TRIBUTE TASK FORCE
RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated May 3, 2016:

Recommendation

The City Clerk provides the following recommendation on behalf of the Pierre Berton Tribute Task Force:

1. That the exhibit and renovation project be expedited by all City Departments in an effort to ensure that the project be completed by June 2018;
2. That Council direct staff to investigate all funding opportunities to help pay for converting the former Church building to a fully accessible public building;
3. That the Canada 150 Celebration Task Force consider celebrating a tribute to Pierre Berton;
4. That a member of the Corporate Communications Department be requested to attend the Pierre Berton Tribute Task Force meetings in order to establish a Communication Strategy for this project;
5. That the Pierre Berton Tribute Task Force be granted an extension to June 2018 to complete and submit its findings report in accordance with its mandate; and
6. That a copy of this recommendation is forwarded to the local MP's and MPP's.

Contribution to Sustainability

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council in the Green Directions, Vaughan, Community Sustainability Environmental Master Plan, Goal 4, and Objective 4.1:

- To foster a city with strong social cohesion, an engaging arts scene, and a clear sense of its culture and heritage.

Economic Impact

The Pierre Berton Discovery Centre capital project established in 2008 has a current balance of approximately \$650,000 and these monies can fund the Pierre Berton exhibit program proposed for the City-owned former Kleinburg United Church. Additionally, Council approved funds in the 2015 Capital Budget in the amount of \$980,200 for the renovation of the subject church building and its conversion for the general use of the community for meetings and activities.

Communications Plan

Council's decision in this matter will be communicated to the Pierre Berton Tribute Task Force and posted on the City's website.

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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to bring forward for Council's consideration a request made by the Pierre Berton Tribute Task Force at its meeting of March 22, 2016.

Background - Analysis and Options

At the March 22, 2016 Pierre Berton Tribute Task Force meeting, the Task Force requested that the above-referenced recommendation be forwarded to Council for consideration. The Pierre Berton Tribute Task Force has a mandate to recommend an exhibit program at the city-owned (former) Kleinburg United Church site, 10418 Islington Avenue, consisting of donated artifacts and historical information on the life and contributions of Pierre Berton to Canada and Vaughan.

The Task Force at its March meeting requested that staff work towards establishing an exhibit at the site and to hire a consultant to undertake this work. This project would be paid from the \$650,000 Capital project established for the project in 2008. In addition, the Task Force requested staff to expedite the approved capital project to renovate and convert the former church building for community use. Both projects are prioritized to be completed by June 2018.

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

This report supports the Term of Council priorities, 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 Pierre Berton Tribute Task Force recommendations of March 22, 2016, for Council's consideration.

Attachments

None

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