

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2015

Item 21, Report No. 24, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 23, 2015.

**21 HONOURING THE LATE AL STEPHENSON, GAIL STEPHENSON, AND THE
WOODBIDGE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following resolution submitted by Councillor Carella, dated June 2, 2015:

Member's Resolution

Submitted by Councillor Tony Carella.

Whereas, the late Al Stephenson and his wife Gail spearheaded the work of the Woodbridge Horticultural Society since 1998, giving voluntarily of their time and energy over each calendar year to the beautification of a variety of locations in the Woodbridge core---including, but not limited to the Woodbridge Avenue bridge over the Humber River at Islington Avenue, the Islington Avenue bridge over the east branch of the Humber River at Thistlewood Avenue, the Langstaff Road bridge over the east branch of the Humber River at Islington Avenue, the Vaughan Mills Road bridge over the west Humber River at Langstaff, and the historic Wallace House; and

Whereas, their efforts included the placing, maintenance, and removal of floral and other decorations appropriate to several festive days and seasons (Christmas, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Mother's Day and summer plantings) at these sites; and

Whereas, their efforts have supplemented and enhanced the existing municipal program for decorating designated areas (such as the Woodbridge core, the Kleinburg core, etc.) with hanging floral baskets and sidewalk floral planters; and

Whereas, their efforts have included spring cleanups, summer-long maintenance, and fall cleanups of Fred Armstrong Parkette, adjacent to the Woodbridge Avenue bridge, and the historic Wallace House

It is therefore recommended:

- 1. *That*** the Council of City of Vaughan approve the placing of a plaque in an appropriate location in the vicinity of the Woodbridge Avenue bridge and Fred Armstrong Parkette; and
- 2. *That*** the plaque acknowledge the contribution of and express appreciation of the efforts over many years of the late Al Stephenson, Gail Stephenson, and the Woodbridge Horticultural Society towards the beautification of the Woodbridge core; and
- 3. *That*** the cost of the plaque be met by funds from the appropriate operational budget; and
- 4. *That*** the plaque be unveiled in a public ceremony organized by city staff; and at a time and place convenient to Mrs. Stephenson and the members of the Woodbridge Horticultural Society.