

## CITY OF VAUGHAN

### **EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 30, 2012**

Item 1, Report No. 40, of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session), which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on October 30, 2012, and the confidential report and recommendations made public.

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#### **CIVIC HERO AWARD – WARD 5**

**The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following resolution submitted by Councillor Shefman, dated October 16, 2012:**

##### **Member's Resolution**

Submitted by Councillor Shefman

Linda Orriell and Marilyn Braude are a dedicated team in their long-time efforts to enhance the Thornhill community. They typify everything that is good and important about volunteerism and civic responsibility in the City of Vaughan.

Not only did they step in to help save an important community institution – the Gallanough Resource Centre – they have maintained their commitment over the years to ensure that the Centre remains viable and dynamic.

The City of Vaughan's Civic Hero Award recognizes people who have taken extraordinary steps to care for their community. The Awards have been presented annually since 2005 to a resident from each of the City's five local wards for outstanding achievement and individual contributions to Vaughan.

Linda Orriell has been a City of Vaughan resident since 1995 and Marilyn Braude has been a resident since 1985. Linda and Marilyn are founding directors and officers of the Gallanough Resource Centre.

After the City of Vaughan Library Board decided to close the Gallanough Library for budgetary reasons a group of local residents stepped forward with a plan to maintain the small facility on Brooke Ave in Thornhill. On November 8, 1999 the Gallanough Library re-opened to the public as the Gallanough Resource Centre – the first community operated resource centre in Canada. Today, thirteen years later, the organization is a thriving, vibrant testament to how partnerships between the private sector, public sector and local volunteers can improve the quality of life in a community.

Linda, in her position as Corporate Secretary and Marilyn in her position as Treasurer, ensure that Gallanough adheres to proper legal, procedural and accounting practices as a not for profit corporation and charity.

Linda and Marilyn, as Gallanough managers, are involved with the preparation of the annual budget, all levels of staffing, the recruiting, direction and recognition of volunteers, numerous special events and the 101 details of operating such a facility. They are also both involved in programming as well as developing the collection at Gallanough. Over 100 new books and DVDs are added every month, and Linda and Marilyn are responsible for the selection and acquisition of all items.

In addition to her involvement with Gallanough, Linda has also volunteered at various other events such as the Toronto Art Show, the UJA walkathon, and also for a number of events at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. Marilyn, before becoming involved with Gallanough, volunteered as a receptionist for a year in the Fracture Clinic at York Central Hospital, and then for a 4-5 year period volunteering at the Richmond Hill Distress Centre (operated at that time by Telecare South York Region) on the telephone lines and later took on administrative duties for the organization.

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***It is therefore recommended:***

THAT Linda Orriell and Marilyn Braude both be recognized as the Civic Hero Award recipients for Ward 5 for 2012, and that they be presented with this award by the Council of the City of Vaughan at the earliest opportunity.

And that the provision restricting nominees to only one individual per Councillor per calendar year be waived in order to give effect thereto.