

**CITY OF VAUGHAN**

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2016**

Item 7, Report No. 7, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on February 16, 2016.

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**PROPOSED DESIGNATION UNDER PART IV OF THE  
ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT OF GALLANOUGH RESOURCE CENTRE  
WARD 5 - VICINITY OF CENTRE STREET & YONGE STREET**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager, Planning & Growth Management, Director of Development Planning and Manager of Urban Design and Cultural Heritage, dated February 2, 2016:

**Recommendation**

The Deputy City Manager, Planning & Growth Management, Director of Development Planning and Manager of Urban Design and Cultural Heritage recommend:

1. THAT the Designation Report for 1 Brooke Street (The Gallanough Resource Centre), as shown in Attachment #3 be RECEIVED;
2. THAT Council APPROVE the recommendation of the Heritage Vaughan Committee (October 21, 2015) to designate 1 Brooke Street as a property of cultural heritage value in accordance with Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18;
3. THAT a Notice of Intention to Designate under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O 1990, c.O.18 be given by the City Clerk to the Ontario Heritage Trust and the Property Owner (City of Vaughan), and be published in the local newspapers (Thornhill Liberal and Vaughan Citizen); and
4. THAT if no objection is served on the City Clerk within 30 days of the date of publication of the Notice of Intention, Council shall pass a by-law designating 1 Brooke Street, which shall be registered in the land registry office, and a copy of the by-law shall be served by the City Clerk on the Owner (City of Vaughan) and Ontario Heritage Trust, and a notice shall be published in the local newspapers (Thornhill Liberal and Vaughan Citizen).

**Contribution to Sustainability**

This report is consistent with the goals and objectives within *Green Directions Vaughan*, the City's Community Sustainability and Environmental Master Plan, specifically:

Goal 4: To create a vibrant community where citizens, business and visitors thrive

*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**

There are no requirements for new funding associated with this report.

**Communications Plan**

At the direction of Council on June 23, 2015, a Designation report was prepared by Development Planning/Cultural Heritage staff in-house, and presented to the Heritage Vaughan Committee on October 21, 2015 for their consideration in accordance with Part IV, Section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The Heritage Vaughan Committee recommendation is included in the "Background" section of this report, and requires the Part IV Designation to be approved by City Council.

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Should Council approve the designation for 1 Brooke Street (The Gallanough Resource Centre), then a Notice of Intention to Designate must be issued by the City Clerk, followed by the enactment of a by-law by Council to designate, together with respective notifications in the local newspapers (Thornhill Liberal and Vaughan Citizen).

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Committee of the Whole for the proposed Part IV Designation of the City's Gallanough Resource Centre, located at 1 Brooke Street.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

##### **Request from Council**

Council directed staff to prepare a designation report to determine the possibility of a Part IV Designation of the City's Gallanough Resource Library on June 23, 2015. The full report and recommendation can be found under Item 22, Report No. 24, of the Committee of the Whole meeting of June 2, 2015, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 23, 2015.

##### **Heritage Vaughan Approval**

A report prepared by the Development Planning Department was considered by Heritage Vaughan at its meeting of October 21, 2015, and approved without amendment or revision. The recommendation was as follows:

*Heritage Vaughan advises Council:*

- 1) *That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Manager of Urban Design and Cultural Heritage, dated October 21, 2015, was approved; and*
- 2) *That the deputation of Mr. Jacob Freedman, was received.*

#### **Recommendation**

*The Manager of Urban Design and Cultural Heritage recommends:*

1. *That the Designation Report for the Gallanough Resource Centre at 1 Brooke Street (Attachment 2) BE RECEIVED; and,*
2. *That staff be directed to proceed with the designation of 1 Brooke Street as set out in Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act*

#### **Designation Process**

In accordance with Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, the heritage designation process includes the following:

- Designation Report prepared to determine if property is of cultural heritage value
- Report brought to Heritage Vaughan for consultation
- Report brought to Council
- Council decision
- Notice of intention to Designate given by the City Clerk to the Ontario Heritage Trust and the Property Owner (City of Vaughan), and the notice is published in local newspapers (Thornhill Liberal and Vaughan Citizen).

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- Required 30 days notice given
- If no objection received, Council passes a by-law designating the property
- By-law served on the Owner and Ontario Heritage Trust by the City Clerk, registered in the land registry office, and notice published in local newspapers (Thornhill Liberal and Vaughan Citizen).

If an objection is received during the 30 day period, the matter is referred to the Conservation Review Board.

#### **Designation Report**

A Designation Report has been prepared by Cultural Heritage staff to determine the cultural heritage value of the Gallanough Resource Centre (See Attachment 3).

The Gallanough Resource Centre contains architectural, historical, and contextual significance as a community facility that was made possible by donations from Frederick Gallanough and Joe Tanenbaum, becoming a focal point for the nearby community. The building was designed by an architect well respected in the heritage conservation field, Bruce Napier Simpson Jr., in a Prairie and Arts and Crafts architectural style that draws the building into the nearby park and relates to the rural nature of historic Thornhill.

The building is sited at the foot of Brooke Street, and creates a vista along Brooke Street from the Gallanough Resource Centre, northwards to Thornridge Drive. The building acts as a terminus and a gateway to the public park that is located behind.

The Gallanough Resource Centre has contextual value to the old Village of Thornhill in its commemoration of an early Thornhill family and the more recent community of Spring Farm. The building continues to function as a hub for the surrounding community.

Accordingly, staff and the Heritage Vaughan Committee are of the opinion that the property at 1 Brooke Street is worthy of designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act for its cultural heritage value and interest as identified in the Designation Report. The property meets the criteria as set out by the Province of Ontario under Ontario Heritage Act Regulation 9/06 for the categories of design/physical, historical/associative and contextual value.

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

The designation of a property under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act is the best tool for the heritage conservation of an individual property and supports the City's goal to promote cultural heritage in the City of Vaughan.

#### **Regional Implications**

N/A

#### **Conclusion**

The Vaughan Development Planning Department recommends that the Gallanough Resource Centre be approved for Part IV Designation in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act as supported by the Designation Report prepared in-house by Cultural Heritage staff due to its architectural, historical, and contextual significance. The proposed designation of the property was also supported by the Heritage Vaughan Committee on October 21, 2015. Should the Committee concur, the staff recommendation can be adopted.

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**Attachments**

1. Context Location Map
2. Location Map
3. Designation Report for the Gallanough Resource Centre, 1 Brooke Street

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(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.)