

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2016

Item 9, Report No. 12, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on March 22, 2016.

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STATUS REPORT AWARDS AND HONOURS ESTABLISHED IN RECOGNITION OF CITY'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated March 1, 2016, be approved; and**
- 2) That Communication C5 from Mr. Kevin Hanit, Queensbridge Drive, Concord, dated February 29, 2016, be received.**

Recommendation

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Report prepared by:

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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.)

From: klh44@rogers.com [mailto:klh44@rogers.com]
Sent: February-29-16 10:42 PM
To: Clerks@vaughan.ca
Subject: CW March 1, 2016 Item #9

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Communication
CW: <u>MAR 1/16</u>
Item: <u>9</u>

I cannot make it to the Committee of the Whole on March 1, 2016.

My submission is in regards to the Awards and Honours Established in Recognition of City's 25th Anniversary.

I have no problem with the City going after a Coat of Arms and the creation of a Key to the City program.

I do have a few problems with the creation of an Order of Vaughan, as stated in the report.

Here they are in reference to the Order of Canada:

1. The Governor General is the Automatic Head of the Order, so the Mayor must be the Head of the Order of Vaughan. I will explain the investiture ceremony for the Mayor after I have completed my list of problems.
2. Any sitting politician cannot be awarded with inclusion in the Order of Canada, so the same must be done with the Order of Vaughan. There is one exception to this rule and it has to do with the Mayor.
3. Recipient must be living to be considered for an Order of Canada and the same must be true for the Order of Vaughan. If the recipient dies before the actual investiture taking place, the awarding can still take place with a member of the recipient's family receiving the Order on behalf of the recipient. Only the recipient is able to wear the pin.
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7. Order of Canada recipients can receive their Order in a private ceremony and this should hold true for the Order of Vaughan recipients.

Now getting back to the investiture ceremony for the Mayor.

The current Mayor should be invested into the Order at the unveiling of the pin and this is done by the City Clerk under authority granted by the Municipal Act.

Future Mayors will be invested into the Order at the Inaugural Council Meeting after taking the oath of office. The pin will be presented by the City Clerk before the rest of City council take their oath of office.

In the case of a midterm change, investiture of the Mayor will be done at the next council meeting.

Thank you,
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Member's Resolution

Submitted by Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, P.C., Mayor

Whereas the City of Vaughan will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary of City status in 2016;

Whereas the City of Vaughan is a dynamic and growing municipality with a diverse population, a rich history, and a strong civic pride;

Whereas celebrations associated with the 25th Anniversary of the City of Vaughan present the opportunity to reflect upon and pay tribute to our heritage, promote our City's accomplishments and look ahead to the future of our growing community;

Whereas preliminary discussions with staff have taken place to inform this Member's Resolution;

Whereas a Coat of Arms is a permanent and public symbol of a municipal corporation, and the gift of a Coat of Arms from the Crown during Vaughan's celebratory year would be a significant and memorable honour;

Whereas community events, public outreach and recognition programs foster civic engagement, attract tourism, increase awareness of city initiatives and preserve our collective memory;

It is therefore recommended:

1. *The City Clerk be requested to submit a petition to the Canadian Heraldic Authority, for the City of Vaughan to receive a grant of a Coat of Arms;*
2. *That the City Manager be requested to assign a staff team to determine and plan other appropriate celebrations and recognitions for 25th anniversary celebrations for the City of Vaughan;*
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 - *The establishment of a Key to the City program*
 - *The establishment of the Order of Vaughan in recognition of extraordinary contributions to the City of Vaughan*
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 - *Sponsorship and grant opportunities*
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 - *The creation of a commemorative 25th Anniversary book about the City of Vaughan*

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4. *That the staff team consult with Members of Council as appropriate to ensure that community input is incorporated into the planning exercise;*
5. *That staff pursue sponsorship opportunities for these initiatives, and any other funding will be within existing approved budgets;*
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Attachments

N/A