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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.
4. All government employees are ineligible for the Order of Canada until they retire and the same will be true for all City of Vaughan employees.
5. All members of the Order of Canada must be Canadian Citizens and have a place of residence in Canada. This is up for discussion, but all recipients must live in the City of Vaughan. If someone clearly deserves to be honoured with an Order of Vaughan and doesn't live in the City, they should be included as an Honourary member of the Order. There needs to be a limit to the number of Honourary members. That is open for discussion.
6. Deliberations of the selection committee of the Order of Canada are not disclosed to the public and the same should be true for the Order of Vaughan's selection committee. Final approval of the recipients should be done in a Special Closed Session with the approval of the recipients then being announced in public at council.
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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