

## **HERITAGE VAUGHAN COMMITTEE JUNE 19, 2013**

### **2. CALL FOR NOMINATIONS, 2013 ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST RECOGNITION PROGRAMS**

#### **Recommendation**

Cultural Services recommends:

1. That Heritage Vaughan receive the subject call for nominations for the 2013 Ontario Heritage Trust Recognition Programs, review the nomination requirements, and consider members of the Vaughan community for the subject awards programs.

#### **Contribution to Sustainability**

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council in the Green Directions, Vaughan, Community Sustainability Environmental Master Plan, Goal 4, and 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**

N/A

#### **Communications Plan**

All agenda items and minutes relating to Heritage Vaughan committee meetings are circulated to relevant City departments, applicants and their representatives.

#### **Purpose**

To receive the subject call for nominations for the 2013 Ontario Heritage Trust Recognition Programs and review the nomination requirements for each, for consideration for the June 19, 2013 Heritage Vaughan Committee meeting.

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

The Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Awards commemorate those who have contributed greatly to heritage conservation in their communities. Each year, recipients of these awards are invited to a special ceremony at Queen's Park, hosted by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

The Ontario Heritage Trust has issued a call for nominations for the three recognition programs offered for 2013 for outstanding contributions made to identifying, preserving, protecting and promoting Ontario's heritage.

The nomination deadline for all programs is September 30, 2013.

The three recognition programs offered by the Ontario Heritage Trust are as follows:

##### **1.0 Community Leadership Program**

The Community Leadership Program celebrates communities that lead the way in built, cultural and natural heritage conservation and promotion.

In 2008, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, in partnership with the Ontario Heritage Trust, launched the Community Leadership Program to recognize communities for exemplary leadership in built, cultural and natural heritage conservation and promotion.

Any community can nominate itself for the Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for

Community Leadership, awarded through this program.

Each year, the award is presented to the most outstanding community in each of four population sub-categories: under 10,000; from 10,000 to 50,000; from 50,000 to 125,000; and over 125,000.

Activities that qualify for nomination include: An integrated approach to conservation of heritage properties and resources, the protection of heritage resources through heritage bylaws and policies, support for heritage organizations and institutions, support for heritage volunteers, support for heritage festivals and events, demonstrated stewardship of municipally owned heritage properties.

## **2.0 Heritage Community Recognition Program - For Ontario residents over 18**

The Ontario Heritage Trust recognizes individuals and groups who have made volunteer contributions to preserving, protecting and promoting community heritage.

Since 1996, the Ontario Heritage Trust has asked Ontario municipalities, First Nations band councils and Métis community councils to nominate individuals in their communities who have made a significant contribution to the promotion, preservation or protection of Ontario's Built Heritage, Cultural Heritage and/or Natural Heritage.

Nominations can also be made for volunteers for the special Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Lifetime Achievement. This award recognizes individuals who have made volunteer contributions to preserving, protecting and promoting community heritage over a period of 25 years or more.

## **3.0 Young Heritage Leaders - For Ontario residents up to 18**

The Ontario Heritage Trust believes that we must inspire our young people to develop an interest in, and commitment to, our province's heritage. By tapping into new technologies, young people are well suited to bring our past into the future with a renewed vigour and expertise. The Ontario Heritage Trust honours young people who have contributed to the preservation of local Built Heritage, Cultural Heritage and/or Natural Heritage.

Individual and group nominees under the Young Heritage Leaders program will be considered for the Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award for Youth Achievement.

## **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan**

In consideration of the strategic priorities related to Vaughan Vision 2020, the report will provide:

- **STRATEGIC GOAL:**  
Service Excellence - Providing service excellence to citizens.
- **STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:**  
Preserve our heritage and support diversity, arts and culture.

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council, however the necessary resources have not been allocated and approved.

## **Regional Implications**

N/A

## **Conclusion**

Heritage Vaughan is encouraged to review the nomination requirements for each, for consideration for

the June 19, 2013 Heritage Vaughan Committee meeting. If you would like more information and/or a copy of the nomination brochure, please contact Cultural Services staff.

**Attachments**

None

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