

128. 2017 ORDER OF VAUGHAN RECIPIENTS

MOVED by Councillor Iafrate
seconded by Regional Councillor Singh

That the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, on behalf of the Vaughan Selection Committee, dated October 24, 2017, be approved.

CARRIED

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The City Clerk, on behalf of the Order of Vaughan Selection Committee, recommends:

1. That Council endorse the 9 individuals recommended by the Order of Vaughan Selection Committee and set out in Confidential Attachment 1 to this report, as the 2017 recipients of the Order of Vaughan; and
2. That the names of the individual recipients be made public following notification by the Mayor.

Contribution to Sustainability

The periodic granting of recognition to members of the broader community serves to establish a culture of public service and servant leadership.

Economic Impact

Funding for the 2017 Order of Vaughan presentation event is available in the Council Corporate Budget.

Communications Plan

The Mayor will contact the recipients to advise them of the conferring of the honour.

Presentations to recipients of the 2017 Order of Vaughan will be take place at a ceremony to be held at 7 pm on Tuesday, November 21st, 2017 at Vaughan City Hall.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the Order of Vaughan Selection Committee's list of recipients for the 2017 Order of Vaughan.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Order of Vaughan program was established by Council's adoption of Item No. 16 of Report No. 40 of the Committee of the whole on November 17, 2015, and of Item No. 9 of Report No. 12 of Committee of the Whole on March 22, 2016.

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Recipients will become Members of the Order of Vaughan, and will be permitted to indicate such by wearing a subtle pin. The initiative is modelled after the Order of Canada and the Order of Ontario.

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- Business
- Science & Technology
- Environment
- Media & Communications
- Philanthropy
- Not-For-Profit
- Spiritual
- Athletics
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- Health & Wellness
- Education
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Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

The initiatives in this report support the following initiatives set out in the Term of Council Service Excellence Strategy Map:

Term of Council Priorities:

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Regional Implications

Not applicable

Conclusion

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Attachments

Confidential Attachment 1: 2017 Order of Vaughan Recipients

Report prepared by:

Barbara A. McEwan, City Clerk
on behalf of the Order of Vaughan Selection Committee

(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.)

SPECIAL COUNCIL OCTOBER 24, 2017

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Respectfully submitted,

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