

CITY OF VAUGHAN  
EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTE FEBRUARY 25, 2025

**17. CELEBRATING CANADIAN HERO TERRY FOX IN THE FACE OF AMERICAN ADVERSITY**

(Addendum No. 1)

MOVED by Councillor Iafrate  
seconded by Councillor DeFrancesca

That the recommendation contained in the following resolution of Mayor Del Duca, dated February 25, 2025, be approved:

CARRIED

**Resolution**

**Whereas**, Terry Fox is one of Canada's most beloved national heroes, whose courage, determination, and selflessness in his Marathon of Hope inspired generations of Canadians and raised millions of dollars for cancer research; and

**Whereas**, Terry Fox's legacy embodies the best of Canadian values, including perseverance, generosity, and a deep commitment to making a difference in the lives of others; and

**Whereas**, Vaughan, as a proud Canadian municipality, has opportunities to further honour Terry Fox's memory, thereby ensuring that his story continues to inspire future generations; and

**Whereas**, recent tariff threats and trade disputes with the United States have reminded Canadians of the importance of national pride, unity, and the celebration of Canadian heroes who transcend political and economic tensions; and

**Whereas**, patriotism and the recognition of Canadian symbols and figures strengthen our national identity and foster a sense of pride among our residents; and

**Whereas**, renaming the Canada Drive-America Avenue Bridge to the Terry Fox Bridge would send a meaningful and positive message about the values that Vaughan and Canada stand for in the face of American threats; and

Whereas, the renaming of a street should take into account the views and preferences of the residents directly affected by such a change.

**It is therefore recommended:**

1. Mayor Steven Del Duca, on behalf of Vaughan City Council, send a letter to the Minister of Transportation for Ontario formally requesting that the Canada Drive-America Avenue Bridge be renamed the Terry Fox Bridge in honour of Terry Fox's legacy; and

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2. Vaughan City Council direct staff to survey the residents of America Avenue to gather their opinions on a potential renaming of the street in honour of Terry Fox, with the findings to be reported back to Council for consideration.