

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole Report

DATE: Tuesday, April 05, 2022

**TITLE: PLAQUE UNVEILING AT NORTH MAPLE REGIONAL PARK
RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF VAUGHAN CARES**

FROM:

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Whereas, Vaughan CARES in 2002 with support from the City of Vaughan organized an historic closure event of the Keele Valley Landfill engaging thousands of happy and satisfied residents; and

Whereas, Vaughan CARES in 2003 and beyond continued its advocacy for the rehabilitation of the Keele Valley Landfill, the integration of surrounding lands in a Regional park, effective waste diversion programs, collection of separated organics, greater producers responsibility and more responsible packaging legislation; and

Whereas, Vaughan CARES in the thirty (30) plus years of its existence has invested millions of volunteer hours to protect the environment by eliminating the siting of one mega landfill in Vaughan and closing another and thereby creating the opportunity for City building with vision and pride; and

Whereas, the results of Vaughan CARES actions provided the City of Vaughan with immeasurable financial benefits through the tax base as residential development was able to proceed in and around the former proposed landfill in the Keele St., Jane St., Kirby Rd. area;

Whereas, Vaughan CARES' actions eliminated the suffering endured by local residents due to obnoxious odors, airborne carcinogens, vectors and thousands of trucks driving through local roads;

Whereas, Item 5, Report No. 54, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on December 10, 2021, whereby Council recommended in recognition of Vaughan Committee of Associations to Restore Environmental Safety (CARES) that the main road leading to the North Maple Regional Park from Keele Street be named “Vaughan CARES Way”; and

Whereas, a commemorative plaque capturing the official closure of the Keele Valley Landfill on December 31, 2002, be placed at a strategic location near the main park pavilion in the North Maple Regional Park.

It is therefore recommended:

1. That the City of Vaughan in its continued recognition and appreciation of Vaughan CARES, host a celebratory city-led event by end of Q2 2022 to unveil the commemorative plaque capturing the official closure of the Keele Valley Landfill on December 31, 2002, near the main park pavilion in the NMRP and to recognize the naming of the main road leading to the North Maple Regional Park from Keele Street as “Vaughan CARES Way”; and
2. That the Recreation Services Events team plan and execute the event with support by Vaughan CARES; that the City’s Corporate and Strategic Communications department provide communications support to promote the event including but not limited to photography and videography services; and that the Parks, Forestry and Horticulture Operations department provide In-Kind Services including setup/takedown of the event.

Attachments

1. Pictures (2) of the rock and commemorative plaque capturing the official closure of the Keele Valley Landfill on December 31, 2002.