

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2022

Item 11, Report No.16, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on April 26, 2022.

11. PLAQUE UNVEILING AT NORTH MAPLE REGIONAL PARK RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF VAUGHAN CARES

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendations contained in the resolution of Deputy Mayor and Regional Councillor Ferri and Councillor Iafrate, dated April 5, 2022.

Members Resolution

Submitted by Deputy Mayor and Regional Councillor Ferri and Councillor Iafrate

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; and

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; and

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

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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.

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:

Regional Councillor Mario Ferri
Councillor Marilyn Iafrate

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Attachments

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



IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION OF VAUGHAN C.A.R.E.S. DECEMBER 31, 2002

IN 1988 A GROUP OF RESIDENTS CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT THAT THE KEELE VALLEY LANDFILL SITE COULD HAVE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, CAME TOGETHER TO FORM VAUGHAN C.A.R.E.S. (COMMITTEE OF ASSOCIATIONS TO RESTORE ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY). OVER THE YEARS THIS GROUP WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN OPPOSING NUMEROUS INITIATIVES RESPECTING POTENTIAL EXPANSIONS AND EXTENSIONS OF THE KEELE VALLEY LANDFILL, AND IN 1995 WAS SUCCESSFUL IN RESISTING THE SITING OF A SECOND MEGA DUMP, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN THE LARGEST LANDFILL IN NORTH AMERICA. THE EFFORTS, HARD WORK AND UNRELENTING VIGILANCE BY THESE INDIVIDUALS ULTIMATELY CONTRIBUTED TO A BETTER SOCIETY FOR US ALL. IN APPRECIATION OF THE MANY YEARS OF DEDICATION, COMMITMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE MEMBERS OF VAUGHAN C.A.R.E.S. AND THE HUNDREDS OF OTHER VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE HELPED MAKE A POSITIVE AND FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE TO THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY, WE DEDICATE THIS PLAQUE AND RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING:

PRESIDENTS: MARIO F. FERRI (1988 - 1997) MARILYN IAFRATE (1997 - 1998)
PETER BADALI (1998 - 2002) AURELIA BERTOCCHI (2000 - 2002)

DIRECTORS: JOSEPHINE BADALI, ANGELA BORTOLUZZI, FRED CAMPOLI, GINA CAPO-JARICOT,
RALPH CAPOCCI, ROBERT COLELLI, SANDRA G. COLICA, AGATA COMO, ALBERT CONTE,
ESTERINA DAMIANI, CAROLYN DAVIS FISHER, PAT DE THOMASIS, ANTHONY DEL SOLE,
FRANK DI COSTANZO, MARCELLA DI ROCCO, ANNAMARIE DONADIO, CAROL DONADIO,
SHELAGH DONADIO, CARLA FORRIN, FILIPPO FERRI, LORETO FERRI, VICKIE FERRI,
TERRI FONTANA, MONA FRANCIOSA, JOHN FRANCIOSA, MARY GOYO,
MARION HAFNER MORGAN, RITA IANNETTA, JOHN KARTECHNER, HEIDI KREINER-LEY,
CHARLIE C. MACALUSO, JANA MANOLAKAS, BILL MANOLAKAS, SANDRA MARIN,
HAROLD PAUL MASSI, PETER MEFFE, MASSIMO S. PANICALI, TERESA PAOLERGIO,
SUE PERRELLA, JOSEPH PLANTAMURA, LINDA PLATI, PAT RICCARDI, JOHN A. RUSSO,
TERESA RUSSO, MIKE SANIO, VICTOR SCHARALLI, ANTOINELLA STRANGIS,
DONNA M. TEGGART, HARVEY TENENBAUM, JUDITH TENENBAUM, GINA TOMASONE,
ERNST VON BEZOLD, JAN WINTIES.

ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF VAUGHAN:

MAYOR: MICHAEL DI BIASE
REGIONAL COUNCILLORS: JOYCE FRUSTAGLIO, GINO ROSATI
COUNCILLORS: MARIO F. FERRI - WARD 1, LINDA JACKSON - WARD 2,
BERNIE DI VONA - WARD 3, MARIO G. RACCO - WARD 4,
SUSAN KADIS - WARD 5

AND FURTHERMORE, WE WISH TO RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING:

LORNA JACKSON, FORMER MAYOR;
GREG SORBARA, MPP; AL PALLADINI, FORMER MPP;
TINA MOLINARI, MPP; MAURIZIO BEVILACQUA, MP

IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION OF VAUGHAN C.A.R.E.S.

DECEMBER 31, 2002

In 1988 a group of residents concerned about the impact that the Keele Valley Landfill Site could have on the environment, came together to form Vaughan C.A.R.E.S. (Committee of Associations to Restore Environmental Safety). Over the years this group was instrumental in opposing numerous initiatives respecting potential expansions and extensions of the Keele Valley Landfill, and in 1995 was successful in resisting the siting of a second mega dump, which would have been the largest landfill in North America. The efforts, hard work and unrelenting vigilance by these individuals ultimately contributed to a better society for us all. In appreciation of the many years of dedication, commitment and contributions made by the members of Vaughan C.A.R.E.S. and the hundreds of other volunteers who have helped make a positive and fundamental difference to the future of our community, we dedicate this plaque and recognize the following:

PRESIDENTS: Mario F. Ferri (1988-1997) Marilyn Iafrate (1997-1998)
Peter Badali (1998-2002) Aurelia Bertocchi (2000-2002)

DIRECTORS:

Josephine Badali, Angela Bortoluzzi, Fred Campoli, Gina Capo-Jaricot, Ralph Capocci, Robert Colelli, Sandra G. Colica, Agata Como, Albert Conte, Esterina Damiani, Carolyn Davis Fisher, Pat De Thomasis, Anthony Del Sole, Frank Di Costanzo, Marcella Di Rocco, Annamarie Donadio, Carol Donadio, Shelagh Donadio, Carla Forrin, Filippo Ferri, Loreto Ferri, Vickie Ferri, Terri Fontana, Mona Franciosa, John Franciosa, Mary Goyo, Marion Haffner Morgan, Rita Iannetta, John Kartechner, Heidi Kreiner-Ley, Charlie C. Macaluso, Jana Manolakas, Bill Manolakas, Sandra Marin, Paul Massi Harold, Peter Meffe, Massimo S. Panicali, Teresa Paolercio, Sue Perrella, Joseph Plantamura, Linda Plati, Pat Riccardi, John A. Russo, Teresa Russo, Mike Sanio, Victor Scharalli, Antoinella Strangis, Donna M. Teggart, Harvey Tenenbaum, Judith Tenenbaum, Gina Tomasone, Ernst vonBezold, Jan Wintjes.

ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF VAUGHAN:

Mayor: Michael Di Biase
Regional Councillors: Joyce Frustaglio and Gino Rosati
Councillors: Mario F. Ferri - Ward 1, Linda Jackson - Ward 2
Bernie Di Vona - Ward 3, Mario G. Racco - Ward 4
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