

## **CITY OF VAUGHAN**

### **EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2022**

Item 1, Report No. 31, of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session), which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 28, 2022, as follows, and the confidential recommendations made public upon Council ratification:

#### **1. WARD 4 CIVIC HERO AWARD FOR 2022**

**The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) recommends:**

- 1) That the resolution of Councillor Yeung Racco, dated June 21, 2022, be approved.**

#### **Member's Resolution**

**Submitted by Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco**

**Whereas**, City of Vaughan Council has established the Civic Hero Award as a means of honouring citizens who have taken exemplary action in carrying out their responsibility as a citizen under the City of Vaughan Declaration of Citizens' Rights and Responsibilities; and

**Whereas**, the Civic Hero Award has been established such that each Ward Councillor has the authority to execute one nomination in their respective ward per year; and

**Whereas**, Jordan Kalpin and Rom Koubi are Ward 4 residents that exemplify leadership, volunteerism and civic stewardship through the work they undertake in the community;

**Whereas**, Jordan Kalpin and Rom Koubi are responsible for organizing Preserve Thornhill Woods, a Ratepayers Association created to connect community members with one another, to highlight environmental responsibility, to improve safety and accessibility to services in and around the neighborhood, and to negotiate for responsible development; and

**Whereas**, the Preserve Thornhill Woods Association is a truly inclusive neighbourhood group, with a large social media presence and following that is used not only to educate residents on City standards and protocols (such as for garbage set out) but also to receive input and feedback on current issues and concerns; and

**Whereas**, Jordan Kalpin and Rom Koubi continue to meet and work with other community service organizations and ratepayers associations to discuss best practices, share ideas and build strong partnerships to continue improving civic engagement.

**It is therefore recommended:**

- 1. That Jordan Kalpin and Rom Koubi be named Ward 4 Civic Heroes for 2022; and**

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2. That the award be presented at a future Committee of the Whole, Committee of the Whole (Public Hearing) or Council meeting, at a date to be arranged by appropriate staff in consultation with the award recipients.