

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Tuesday, September 19, 2023

WARD(S): ALL

TITLE: 2023 ORDER OF VAUGHAN RECIPIENTS

FROM:

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ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek Council's endorsement of the Order of Vaughan Selection Committee's list of recipients for the 2023 Order of Vaughan.

Report Highlights

- The Order of Vaughan was initiated in 2016 as part of the City of Vaughan's 25th Anniversary Celebration, recognizing 25 years of city status.
- A total of 23 nominations were received for 2023.
- Recipients will be recognized at a ceremony at Vaughan City Hall on Wednesday, November 8, 2023.

Recommendations

1. That Council endorse the individuals recommended by the Order of Vaughan Selection Committee and set out in Confidential Attachment 1 to this report, as the 2023 recipients of the Order of Vaughan; and
2. That the names of the individual recipients be made public following notification by the Mayor.

Background

The Order of Vaughan award 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 the Committee of the Whole on March 22, 2016.

The Order of Vaughan is presented as Vaughan’s highest civic honour. The Order of Vaughan is granted to a maximum of ten individuals annually, except in the first year (2016) when 25 individuals were recognized for their contributions to the city over its first 25 years.

Recipients will become Members of the Order of Vaughan and will be permitted to indicate such membership by wearing a pin presented at a public ceremony. The initiative is modelled after the Order of Canada and Order of Ontario, and similar programs have been established by cities including Ottawa and Montreal.

Previous Reports/Authority

Additional information about the Order of Vaughan can be found [here](#).

Analysis and Options

To qualify for the Order of Vaughan, an individual must have a significant and enduring relationship with the city and recognized as being engaged in a beneficial activity in Vaughan in one or more of the following categories:

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| Arts and Entertainment | Spiritual |
| Business | Athletics |
| Science and Technology | Public Service |
| Environment | Equity and Diversity |
| Media and Communications | Health and Wellness |
| Philanthropy | Education |
| Not-For-Profit | Accessibility |

In total, 23 nomination packages were received for 21 individuals and reviewed by the Order of Vaughan Selection Committee.

Financial Impact

Funding for the 2023 Order of Vaughan ceremony is captured in the budget for the Office of the City Clerk.

Operational Impact

The Office of the City Clerk is responsible for administering the Order of Vaughan on an annual basis. The Order of Vaughan ceremony is organized by the Office of the City Clerk and Recreation Services with support from other departments as required.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

There are no regional impacts associated with this report.

Conclusion

Having reviewed all nominations received, the Order of Vaughan Selection Committee recommends the individuals set out in Confidential Attachment 1 to be the 2023 recipients of the Order of Vaughan.

For more information, please contact: Evan Read, Manager, Elections and Special Projects, ext.8241.

Attachments

1. Confidential Attachment 1: 2023 Order of Vaughan Recipients, Order of Vaughan Selection Committee, September 19, 2023 (to be distributed prior to the meeting).

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