

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, October 30, 2023

TITLE: VAUGHAN ACCESSIBILITY CHAMPION AWARDS

FROM:

Councillor Gila Martow

Whereas, the Vaughan Accessibility Champion Awards were established in 2019 by the Vaughan Accessibility Advisory Committee as a means to recognize and appreciate individuals and businesses in Vaughan that actively advance accessibility and inclusivity.

Whereas, the award ceremony was held during National AccessAbility Week in 2019 and the award was announced during International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Whereas, the public was invited to nominate accessibility champions in Vaughan across the following categories: Individual or Group for those who have notably advanced accessibility; Small (1-99 employees), Medium (100-499 employees) and Large Businesses (500+ employees) or non-profits that have a commitment to accessibility and championed measures that exemplify best practices in accessibility and inclusivity; and Youth from elementary or secondary schools demonstrating measurable efforts in promoting accessibility.

It is therefore recommended:

1. That the Youth category's parameters be expanded to include students from elementary, secondary, and post-secondary institutions who are residents of Vaughan.
2. That Accessibility Champion Awards be held bi-annually, rather than annually.

3. That the award ceremony occur in line with National AccessAbility Week.
4. That unsuccessful applicants are automatically resubmitted for the following award cycle.

Financial and Staff Resource Impact

NA

Attachments

None