

## CITY OF VAUGHAN

### **EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2023**

Item 1, Report No. 42, of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session), which was adopted, without amendment, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on October 17, 2023, and the recommendation made public upon ratification:

#### **1. WARD 5 CIVIC HERO AWARD 2023**

**The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following resolution of Councillor Martow, dated October 11, 2023:**

Submitted by Councillor Gila Martow

**Whereas**, the City of Vaughan has established the Civic Hero Award as a means of honoring 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 nominate one resident in their respective ward per year, and

**Whereas**, Matthew Shoychet is a dedicated filmmaker and editor, who has worked primarily in documentary film for many years; and

**Whereas**, Matthew Shoychet is an active member on the Board of Directors for the Toronto Jewish Film Foundation and the Board of Directors for OneFamily Fund Canada; and

**Whereas**, Matthew Shoychet was the director of the acclaimed film "The Accountant of Auschwitz," which won 4 Canadian Screen Awards; and

**Whereas**, most recently, Matthew Shoychet devoted countless hours to capturing videos of Holocaust survivors telling the story of the Holocaust and the transition to contemporary Canadian life for the newly opened Toronto Holocaust Museum and other initiatives in Vaughan and Toronto; and

**It is therefore recommended:**

1. That Matthew Shoychet be named the Ward 5 Civic Hero for 2023 and that the award be presented at a future Committee of the Whole (Public Meeting) or Council meeting, at a date suitable to both staff and the recipient of the award.